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THRILLS AT THE LOCAL RACES

ENTHUSIASM AND SURPRISES AT HAPPY VALLEY

BIGGER FIELD

OUTSIDERS WIN THE FIRST TWO EVENTS

All that could be desired was present to crown with success the formal opening to-day of the new and magnificent accommodation of the Hong Kong Jockey Club. Happy Valley was in a real gala mood as this, the first day of the annual racing carnival, was ushered in in ideal weather.

Enthusiasm was shown by all sections of the community and by visitors, both mighty and humble sharing the spoils of the Sport of Kings.

The events themselves augur excellently for the four days of next week. Fields were bigger than usual—following heavy entries brought about partly by the increased stakes—outsiders won in the first two races, there were two tumbles in a batch of 29 for the initial scramble, and a favourite caught the Judge's eye in the Maidens, showing that punters gauged the form of Derby probabilities to a nicety.

A FASHIONABLE GATHERING

Liberal support was given to both the members' and the public enclosures. The stands and the arrangements for the posting up of starters, results, and for the cash sweeps and pari-mutuel are now the best in the realm of the China pony. Flags from the roofs above the tiers of private boxes lent colour to a vivid background. Ladies, foreign and Chinese, vied with each other in delightful spring creations; in fact, the fair sex never seemed to be more strongly represented, although women owners have not come to the fore in ante-post speculations this season.

Benches on the spacious lawns and other innovations were highly appreciated. The departure made by the Jockey Club in setting down one more day—making the total five—and beginning on the Saturday instead of Monday, met with commendation from racing men and punters alike. Even the Chinese crowds inside the tracks in the Race Course were drawn to the rails away from the soccer matches—and how they cheered when a Chinese jockey romped home.

On the eve of their departure from the Colony, the Band of the 2nd Battalion the King's Own Scottish Borderers entertained the attendance with varied selections during the intervals.

The staff was capable and courteous and there was more elbow room than of yore.

The Wong-Nel-Chong Stakes
Several races which have been associated with the Monday of the big week were transferred to the "preliminary" to-day and there were a few new events. Among the former was the Wong-nel-chong Stakes, which has been the curtain-raiser from time immemorial. Twenty-nine runners were saddled here and two of the riders, Mr. L. P. Quincey (a Chinese jockey from Shanghai, who is renewing associations with Hong Kong) and Mr. L. G. Frost (a local competitor) were unseated at the start. Mr. Quincey injured his wrist but came out again and Mr. Frost also suffered no appreciable ill effect.

An outsider beat the lot in the Wong-nel-chong and the dividend was again formidable in the second race when Mr. Y. S. Chang, with a big reputation from Shanghai, surprised the better-backed ponies.

"King's Bounty"

The favourite, King's Bounty, with Mr. V. Halmovitch up, annexed the Maidens by a short head after a thrilling run; up the straight with several others. This victory promises well for the "Dynasty" stable in the Derby on Tuesday.

Mr. Ho Kom-tong O.B.E., winner of last year's Derby, captured the "classical" for subscription griffins (Valley Stakes) with Bridge Hall, repeating a feat he did in 1927, in his very first race as owner, with King's Bounty. As was the case then, Mr. O. Encarnacao of Shang-

hai was the rider. This gave the jockey his second win of the meeting.

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State of the Parties at Midnight

Election returns at midnight were—
Minseito, 71, Seiyukai 40, Tokyo, Later Proletarians, 3, Independents 2 Others 6. The full returns are expected on Sunday.
Up to the present the Minseito Party has gained 15, and lost 3 seats; the Seiyukai gained 4 and lost 12; and the Proletarians gained 2 and lost 5.—Reuter.

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HAVE YOU WON?

LUCKY NUMBERS IN CASH SWEEPS

TO-DAY'S DRAWINGS
The following are the winners of the Cash Sweeps at to-day's Races:
Race I.
No. 786 \$1,804.80
" 657 972.50
" 222 185.40
Unplaced \$50 each.—Nos. 290, 85, 350, 412, 567, 275, 533, 692, 70, 320, 310, 298, 15, 484, 553, 770, 155, 704, 19, 637, 518, 593, 400, 280, 573, 629.
Race II.
No. 633 \$2,312.80
" 53 660.80
" 123 330.40
Unplaced \$50 each.—Nos. 462, 435, 194, 654, 459, 671, 339, 88.
Race III.
No. 850 \$2,574.60
" 74 735.60
" 936 367.80
Unplaced \$50 each.—Nos. 733, 655, 384, 734, 363, 699, 1042, 44, 100, 925, 253, 425, 240.

FAIR WEATHER
The weather report communicated to the China Mail by the Royal Observatory at 11.15 a.m., to-day, was as follows:—
The anti-cyclone has passed into the Pacific. A large but shallow depression is central over the Upper Yangtze Valley. Light variable wind along the South-east coast of China and over the China Sea.
Forecast:—Light east or variable wind; fair.

FAIR SEX WITNESS EXECUTION
AMERICAN WOMAN HUNG FOR MURDER
POISON IN CELL
Florence, Arizona, Yesterday. The first woman to be legally executed in the State of Arizona, and the twenty-sixth executed in the United States since their incorporation, was hanged to-day at sunrise. She was Mrs. Eve Dugan, aged 52, who was convicted of the murder of an aged rancher named Mathis, of Tucson, on January 27, in order to obtain possession of his property.
A search of her cell before the execution revealed a phial of poison under her mattress. She spent a few hours before her execution playing cards. Half a dozen women were among the witnesses at the execution.—Reuter.

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The Decision Of The Magistrate
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Yet, so strong was the hold the wolves had on their lambs that the latter refused to "squel" on them. Instead, they quietly accepted the blame and paid their fines of \$10 each without a blush, no doubt thinking that the law had been cheaply appeased at their price!

ANNUAL RACE MEETING
FORECASTS FOR FIRST DAY'S EVENTS
SOME GOOD RACES
[By "Wombat"]
This year's racing season of the Hong Kong Jockey Club in every respect promises to be an unqualified success as there is a wonderful array of talent in all classes. This will be the first meeting at which 133 ponies will be raced and doubtless we shall see some very exciting finishes in events where these big animals are concerned.
Many improvements have been carried out at the race course since the last meeting, and there is no denying that the Club have made a wonderful job of the course as it is seen to-day.
The weather looks very promising, and if we do not have a change, some fast racing should be seen and, I am certain, one or two of our local records will be broken.
Valuable Stakes
The programme is quite an interesting one. Stakes of good value are to be decided, while the China Stakes will be a tremendously interesting contest on account of the wonderful Apollo being entered here. Opinions point to the prediction that he is sure to break a record in this event. I wonder will he?
The Valley Stakes
Baby Face should be a good winner and will be well tried with Mr. Hill in the saddle.
Tango has been running very well and is looked upon to have a very good chance here.
Tonbridge comes from a stable in form, and I know that he can do the distance without any bother.
Shanghai Beau has been running well in training and is one of the season's best subs.
Osiris will be ridden by Mr. (Continued on Page 15.)

"HORNELL" CUP

Inter-Hong Rowing Match

A very interesting sporting event was decided yesterday when the annual Inter-Hong Rowing Race for the "Hornell" Cup took place. The Asiatic Petroleum Co., Hong Kong Electric Co. and Jardine, Matheson Electrical this time in a triangular struggle for honours, which resulted in a fine win for the first named hong after an exciting row.

The race was over a mile course, beginning from within Lyseum and finishing at the Yacht Club. The water was choppy, but the crews got off at a level start, and for the first one and a half minutes not one of them could gain any advantage. They were apparently matching one another stroke for stroke and did about 32 to the minute. The struggle for the lead became very keen, but the A.P.C. asserting themselves at this stage, forged slightly ahead, and held it until half the course was covered, when the position was A.P.C. Electric Co. and Jardine, all near one another.

A great effort was made by the last two to draw level, but the A.P.C. were able to maintain their lead, and further increased it a bit after the three-quarter mile. Then the Electric Co. unfortunately caught a "crab" which held them up for a few seconds, and enabled Jardine to overtake them. A.P.C. continued consistently and finished 3 lengths ahead of Jardine. Electric Co. finished two lengths behind the latter. The members of the winning crew were:—T. Lindars, R. C. Edwards-Jones, G. May, J. G. H. Lander (Stroke), R. Young (Cox).
The time taken was about 8 minutes.

MONEY LEFT

Straits Engineer's Estate in Colony

Hong Kong estate to the value of \$14,800 was left by the late Mr. Thomas Norman Symons, engineer, formerly of Prye Estate, Province Wellesley, Straits Settlements, who died on March 16, 1927, at Gwyn-fryn, Uplands, Swansea. Everything is bequeathed to his widow, Margaret Louisa Symons.
Woo Ku-hin alias Woo Yun-shing, banker, who died intestate on March 23, 1929, at Canton left estate in the Colony amounting to \$4,200.
Tam Yu-sang, alias Tam Chai-mi, alias "Sam Shing-yik," who died on March 8, 1929, left \$3,500 in the Colony. Administration has been granted to his nephew.

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[By "Wombat"]
This year's racing season of the Hong Kong Jockey Club in every respect promises to be an unqualified success as there is a wonderful array of talent in all classes. This will be the first meeting at which 133 ponies will be raced and doubtless we shall see some very exciting finishes in events where these big animals are concerned.
Many improvements have been carried out at the race course since the last meeting, and there is no denying that the Club have made a wonderful job of the course as it is seen to-day.
The weather looks very promising, and if we do not have a change, some fast racing should be seen and, I am certain, one or two of our local records will be broken.
Valuable Stakes
The programme is quite an interesting one. Stakes of good value are to be decided, while the China Stakes will be a tremendously interesting contest on account of the wonderful Apollo being entered here. Opinions point to the prediction that he is sure to break a record in this event. I wonder will he?
The Valley Stakes
Baby Face should be a good winner and will be well tried with Mr. Hill in the saddle.
Tango has been running very well and is looked upon to have a very good chance here.
Tonbridge comes from a stable in form, and I know that he can do the distance without any bother.
Shanghai Beau has been running well in training and is one of the season's best subs.
Osiris will be ridden by Mr. (Continued on Page 15.)

THE PUBLIC VICTIMISED
With keen insight of human nature, the wolves, having secured their dupes, proceeded to bleed their not unwilling victims—the public.
They first felt the public's pulse by making the premium a matter of just a paltry \$1.50. They found that many paid up without a murmur—the chance of getting a lakh or two of dollars for a small outlay being too tempting to quibble over a few extra 10-cent pieces.
Having tasted blood, the wolves put up the premium rapidly, by leaps and bounds, giving their selling agents instructions to raise the price as the race meeting drew nearer.

RAISING THE PREMIUM
First prices were raised weekly (as was the experience of the China Mail correspondent who bought a ticket in January for \$11.50, and when he went for another in the first week of February found that the price had gone up to \$14); and then, because they found that the long suffering public was standing firm, and the races were only a few days off, and the last minute rush for tickets had started, the "get-rich-quickers" raised their premium daily (as was the experience of Mr. Koo, the principal Crown witness in the Court case, who paid \$15.50 for a ticket two days before the Police raid, and was asked \$16.50 when he wanted another the next day).
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HONG KONG BANK MEETING

CHAIRMAN REPORTS HEAVY LOSSES FROM FRAUD

THE DOLLAR EVIL

RESULTS OF SLACKNESS IN FAR EASTERN TRADE

Heavy losses from frauds were mentioned at the yearly meeting of the Hong Kong and Shanghai Bank this morning, by the Chairman, Mr. W. H. Bell, who added that, notwithstanding the good record made by the Bank in a year of serious trade depression, the Directors thought it prudent to make a reduction of bonus.

The net profits for the year amount to \$14,143,209.57, as compared with \$13,430,061.61 for 1928—a return to approximately the earlier level of profits as calculated in silver.

Slackness of Far Eastern trade, the reaction to the civil war and the currency difficulties, each reveal their influence on the balance sheet.

A brighter note was added to the meeting by the statement that the Bank's investments stand at well under market quotations.

REDUCTION OF BONUS

Mr. W. H. Bell presided at the meeting, and supporting him were Messrs. J. A. Plummer (Deputy Chairman), B. D. F. Beith, B. Lander Lewis, C. G. S. Mackie, W. L. Pattenden, T. E. Pearce, T. H. R. Shaw, J. P. Warren (directors), and the Hon. Mr. A. C. Hynes (Chief Manager).

Among the shareholders present were the Hon. Sir Henry Pollock, Sir Robert Ho Tung, Messrs. J. W. C. Bonnar, R. M. Dyer, D. L. Lewis, H. G. Hegarty, V. M. Grayburn, M. K. Lo, J. M. Alves, Hon. Mr. W. E. L. Shenton, J. T. Bagram, W. E. Van Eps, J. Kotwall, E. D. Kotwall, H. B. L. Dowling, G. K. Hall Brutton, H. Dixon, Paul Lauder, L. G. S. Dodwell, H. R. Sturt, Lo Cheung-wan, Chan Shu-ming, A. Stevenson, R. A. Dastur, A. P. Samy, J. H. Little, F. W. James, F. W. Stapleton, F. R. Marsh, D. Templeton, G. C. Moxon, A. C. Kennedy, S. M. Churn, E. F. R. Sample, P. S. Cassidy, C. B. Johnson, J. M. McCutcheon, Hon. Mr. J. M. Owen Hughes, L. E. N. Ryan, A. B. Raworth, Prof. C. Middleton Smith, Chua Seng-choo, F. McD. Courtney, J. Coulthart, Chan Wing-keu, Alfred Tse, F. M. Ellis, D. H. Cooper, J. E. Joseph, T. N. Chau, John Fleming, Devonport Brown, J. B. Montargis and G. E. Towns.

Among the lady shareholders present were Messdames E. G. Hegarty, A. C. Hynes, L. G. S. Dodwell, A. B. Raworth.

Chairman's Speech

The Report and Statement of Accounts having been in your hands for some time I shall, with your permission, take them as read.

The net profits for the year amount to \$14,143,209.57 as compared with \$13,430,061.61 for 1928—a return to approximately our earlier level of profits as calculated in silver. This would be satisfactory were it not for the heavy fall in the rate of conversion from silver to gold—corresponding to a fall in exchange of just under 25 per cent. between the opening and closing of the year—which substantially diminishes the sum available for our dividend in sterling.

Frauds Cause Heavy Losses. In addition the Bank has suffered heavy losses from frauds perpetrated in more than one country for which, however, I am glad to tell you full provision has been

made. It is for these reasons that—notwithstanding the good record made by the Bank in a year of serious trade depression—your Directors have thought it prudent to make the reduction of bonus, the possibility of which was adumbrated in the Chairman's speech last year. A conservative policy of management is particularly necessary in the case of a Bank and I trust that you will concur in the Board's decision and approve their recommendation in regard to the allocation of profits.

The Appropriations. As shown in the Profit & Loss Account, the amount available after deducting the interim dividend and Directors' remuneration is \$12,514,400.84 and the allocation proposed is as follows:—

A final dividend of \$3 per share with bonus of \$1 per share (subject to Income Tax deduction)	\$ 7,876,923.08
Transfer to Bank Premises Account	750,000.00
Transfer to Silver Reserve Account	500,000.00
Balance carried forward to the new Account	3,387,477.76
	\$12,514,400.84

Eastern Trade Slackness

Following the example of three years ago we have made a transfer from silver to sterling reserve, your Directors considering it advisable to build up the latter in view of the uncertainty in regard to silver prices. The amount, as shown in the report, is \$5 millions converted at 2/-.

As regards the balance sheet figures I will only remark that the slackness of Far Eastern Trade is evidenced in the increases under the headings of current accounts and fixed deposits, while the cash increase, attributable wholly to Shanghai, also reflects the disturbed trade conditions which have had the effect of restricting circulation of silver.

Currency Difficulties

The increase of \$16½ millions in our Head Office note issue is related to Hong Kong's currency difficulties of the past year. During the first nine months the Hong Kong exchange failed to respond to the drop in the price of silver

and in Shanghai exchange, and the notes of the three banks in Hong Kong (on the basis of which all business had for long been conducted following a mutual arrangement among the banks of many years ago) became in the end completely divorced from their nominal silver value and rose to a high premium over the silver currency which they actually represent.

Silver Dollar Problem

The resulting disturbance to trade between the Colony and China decided the banks to revert to the circulation of the silver dollar. Many of the banks then sent orders for the minting of British dollars in London or Bombay, and 20 millions of these and Mexican dollars have been obtained, of which the greater part are already in the Colony. As the largest issuer of notes, and as the Clearing Bank, we have seen the majority of these dollars force their way into our treasuries, a state of affairs which reveals itself in our increased note issue. It is obvious that a small colony like our own cannot absorb unlimited silver dollars, and further imports of these are much to be deprecated. The increase in our note circulation, I would add, has only been rendered possible by the Hong Kong Government having made a concession in regard to the taxation of our issue, without which an increase would have been prohibitively expensive.

Civil War Reaction

The only expansion which I have to record in our field of operation is the opening of a new Sub-Agency at Muar in the Malay State of Johore.

Of the affairs of this Colony there is little to say except that, in addition to the currency difficulties already mentioned, we have suffered the inevitable reaction from the renewal of civil war in the two Kwang provinces, and other parts of China. The conditions for trade being very similar to those applying to China, I will refrain from treating them separately.

With an excess of supply over demand the silver market has trended steadily downward throughout the year owing principally to a falling off in Indian demand; Continental sales of silver, presumably released when French Indo-China decided upon the transfer of their currency to a gold basis, an operation which they have now virtually accomplished, and, finally, a continuance of sales by the Indian Government. As regards this last it is reasonable to suppose that in future, with the Refinery now working in Bombay, surplus coin in the silver currency reserve will generally be refined and sold locally as opportunity offers, thus narrowing the outlet for the world's production.

A Weight on Silver Market

The increase in the reserve is a weight on the silver market and with conditions as they are in China one looks in vain for any probable source of a consumptive demand of sufficient strength and endurance to effect an appreciable recovery in prices. As I have said, our local requirements in Hong Kong are bound to prove limited.

The extreme quotations of the year for the price of silver were as follows:—highest: 26.7/16d; lowest: 21.5/16d, per standard ounce, which constituted a low record for the (metal); (since then there has been a further decline). The quotations for Shanghai exchange were:—highest: 2/7½d; lowest: 2/1d; per tael for telegraphic transfers to London. By a curious coincidence the Shanghai exchange touched the top and bottom limits on the first and last days of the year respectively.

The mine production of silver for 1929 is computed at 27½ millions of standard ounces which added to 80 millions from outside

sources, gives a total of 88½ millions—an increase of 12 millions over the previous year. China's estimated consumption was 143 millions and India's 70 millions, corresponding respectively to 141 and 110 millions in 1928. China thus again achieved a record.

Accumulation of Evils

The trading conditions of last year in India and the Far East have, as I have already mentioned, been none too favourable. In the first place China failed to realise the promise of the previous year and relapsed into civil warfare; famine and brigandage played their familiar roles and a further misfortune was added in the fall of the silver currency. This accumulation of evils effectively destroyed any chances of trade expansion and I think we may reckon it fortunate that there has not been a more appreciable decline.

The raising of the tariff in February had little apparent effect on the volume of import trade which was well maintained during the first few months of the year. As the year progressed, however, the various hindrances to commerce became increasingly felt. Wars and disorders in the provinces together with the drop in exchange checked the demand for imports, while exports fell away under the burden of military taxation and difficulties of transport. In the autumn came the disturbance of the foreign markets resulting from the crash on the New York Stock Exchange, and the end of the year found business in China at an unusually low ebb with little prospect of an early turn of the tide.

The Cotton Business

Taking the staple imports, foreign cotton manufactures have had to compete with a substantial increase of output from the local mills. The raising of the Japanese boycott also brought a flood of Japanese cotton goods onto the market, making competition extremely difficult for British manufacturers. The trade in woollens was dull in spite of lowered prices. The engineering business showed welcome signs of recovery from a long period of stagnation, thanks largely to the quickening of industrial developments on the Yangtze and to greater activity in the sphere of public works. There was an increased importation of railway material, including engines and rolling-stock, a considerable demand for aircraft for both military and commercial use and a good market for motor vehicles corresponding to the rapid extension of motor roads in most provinces of China. British products, I may add, were fairly well represented in the supply of industrial machinery, only moderately so in regard to railway requirements and very slightly in the case of the motor trade.

Customs Returns Increased

The Customs' returns for the year show a gross revenue of Taels 152 millions against 82 millions in 1928. Reckoned in silver this represents an increase of 85 per cent.; reckoned in gold, 68 per cent.; in this connection I may add that, under the new tariff, the proportion of Customs revenue required for the foreign loans and indemnities at current rates of exchange is considerably less than one-half. The Customs have not made available the comparative figures with former years which are necessary to furnish an index of the increase or decrease of trade, but one may infer by calculation a falling off, though not of serious extent, from the previous year's volume.

Conditions in China

The figures bring out the increasing preponderance of Shanghai's trade in relation to that of the rest of China; they also indicate a redressing of the balance between the northern and the southern ports, the south having recovered much of the ground lost

through the Communist troubles, while the figures for the north show a distinct decline.

This is especially the case in regard to Tientsin which found itself starved of cargo from up-country owing to the political unrest and also suffered for the first half-year from the unavailability of the river which connects it with the sea. The Manchurian figures reflect the disastrous effect of the Sino-Russian dispute and the interruption of the Chinese Eastern Railway which, besides increasing freight rates, upset the economic machinery of the country and severely checked all commercial development.

While on the subject of the Customs, let me add a word of recognition of the very successful manner in which the service, under Mr. Maize's guidance, has emerged from the very difficult crisis with which it was faced just over a year ago. In spite of wars and civil commotion the treasury-port revenues have been regularly remitted. We have evidence too of the maintained prestige of the foreign administration in the fact that the Government have transferred to Mr. Maize's hands the control of important Native Customs establishments in several provinces.

Railway and Shipping

Railway communications, to which I shall again refer later, have shown some slight improvement over the conditions of the previous year, but military interference has prevented or crippled traffic on nearly all main lines. The construction of 600 miles of railway track in Manchuria during the last three years is a fact worthy of notice.

Coastal shipping has had a difficult year and, again met with tragic experience at the hands of pirates. Foreign navigation on the Yangtze passed an uneasy year; the effect of reduced volume of trade being partly offset by Government commandeering of native vessels for military transport.

The Tea Industry

In India the past year cannot be ranked as a very prosperous period, the trade of the country having shown a decided tendency to sag. The jute and gunny markets, two of the most important, have suffered from lower prices than had been seen for several years. The tea industry also saw a steady drop in values due to increased crops and the existence of unusually large stocks in the United Kingdom. The last month was a fair one and should improve the position in regard to foodstuffs.

Native manufactures, have been favoured by better relations between employers and labour. Japan's trade for 1929 showed a marked improvement over the low level of 1928. Exports showed a large increase and the adverse trade balance for the year, standing at Yen 67½ millions, is the lowest for ten years. The new Government, which took office about the middle of the year set itself strenuously to appreciate the value of the Yen in preparation for restoring the currency to a basis. With the help of credits opened abroad to which this Bank contributed as a member of a London banking syndicate—this was accomplished on January 11 last when the embargo on the export of gold was removed. The rise in the exchange value of the Yen had the immediate result of depressing home prices and restricting commerce and industry. These sacrifices consequent on the delicate operation of restoring credit by artificial measures were, of course, inevitable, and though every effort will no doubt be made to minimize the effect, we must look forward to some continuance of the dullness in trade.

Straits and Malaya

From a fairly promising starting conditions in the Straits Settlements and Malaya deteriorated through the year and finished at a regrettably low level. A notable increase in the world's consumption of rubber was outstripped by the increase in production and export, and prices receded in the latter half of the year to abnormally low figures. The tin industry presented similar features. The import trade showed a corresponding decline and was very dull in the second part of the year.

Although trade in the Philippine Islands suffered from the effects of world over-production of sugar as well as of the devastating typhoons of the previous year, general conditions are by no means unsatisfactory. Considerable development is taking place both by private enterprise and in the form of Government work, such as new roads and bridges, and a fundamental improvement in the economic state of the islands reflects itself in the budget surplus which the year is expected to produce.

The Wall Street Collapse

Next year's outlook for trade between Great Britain and the Far East generally is somewhat overcast. The heavy fall in values consequent on the Wall Street collapse and inflated money conditions are without doubt affecting manufacturers and restricting their purchases of raw material. This will bear heavily on firms handling Far Eastern produce such as rubber, tin, hemp, sugar and China products generally, making it difficult to market the steadily increasing production. Unfortunately British textile exporters, generally, have been correspondingly hit. Handicapped by high cost of production, they are condemned to see the market supplied by the cheaper products of Japanese mills and of domestic output in India and the Far East. The drop in silver currencies has also adversely affected the demand for British manufactures, especially cotton, woolen and artificial silk fabrics, and it is to be feared that the marked falling off in British exports to the East, dating from last October, may yet continue.

China's Political Situation

To take the reverse side of the picture, cheaper money and a saner perspective as to the limits of trade expansion may lead to business being in future conducted on sounder economic lines. We may venture, too, on the hope that an increased trade activity in other parts of the world will counteract the feared decline in America's prosperity and so prevent a lessening of the world's demand for commodities.

Let us pass now to the political situation in China which, more than any other factor in the present state of affairs, regulates the fortunes of those whose business lies in the Far East. The year has witnessed slow progress in the movement towards consolidation. A series of important counter-movements have threatened the stability of the Government and the peace and security of the population. None of these has succeeded, indeed, is overthrowing the Government of Nanking and so far, at any rate, there is no evidence of any alternative to that Government. These repeated uprisings absorbed, however, most of the country's energies and the record of the year, which I will attempt to summarise in a short space, is, as will be seen, chiefly taken up by military operations.

Hopes Shattered

The year opened with the Disarmament Conference in session at Nanking. The hopes which attended this first "round table" of the military chiefs were however doomed to be short-lived. Within a couple of months, and before a start had been made to apply the Conference plans for demobilisation, the country had slipped back to a state of civil strife. A quarrel arose between the Central Government and the Wuhan military group centred at Hankow. By the end of March it had flared into active warfare—the first renewal of fighting since the establishment of the National Government. The revolt

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was quelled on the Yangtze before the end of April, but fighting dragged on in the southern provinces, especially round Canton, into the month of June.

More Disturbing Factors
In the meantime at Nanking an important political milestone had been passed, namely the holding of the Third National Congress of the Kuomintang. The result of the Congress was to confirm the central power in the hands of Marshal Chiang Kai-shek and his colleagues, leaving the membership of the Central Executive Council, the supreme authority in the country, substantially unchanged.

Before the country had had time to settle down from the Wuhan revolt, a fresh breach of the peace occurred. In the middle of May Marshal Feng Yu-hsiang, at the head of the Kuomintang, challenged the Nanking Government, withdrawing his army into the western provinces and destroying railways along his line of retreat. He was officially declared a rebel and by the end of the month war was again raging in China. The state funeral of Dr. Sun Yat-sen—which took place with great ceremony on June 1—came at an opportune moment and caused a lull in the fighting. Thereafter Marshal Feng, weakened by the defection of two of his leading generals, withdrew from active revolt but his attitude to the Government continued to be such as to leave the situation precarious. A bold effort to reunite the leaders was made by Chiang Kai-shek in the first week of July when he called a conference at Peking. The attempt was partially successful; Marshal Feng again pledged his loyalty and was reinstated and it was agreed to hold another Disbandment Conference.

Disbandment Conference
This second Disbandment Conference, held at Nanking early in August, ended in fresh plans for an all-round reduction of troops and in the issue by Nanking of a further disbandment loan. The results were, unfortunately, negative, for after barely three months of peace war broke out for the third time towards the end of September. On this occasion Nanking was faced by a revolt from the so-called "Re-organizationalists", a group mainly consisting of the political leaders of the left who had been excluded from office, supported by certain military commanders including several of the Kuomintang generals. At first the rebels were successful. For many weeks fighting proceeded in the central and southern provinces, and the war was at one moment carried almost to the gates of Nanking. The tide turned, however, in favour of Marshal Chiang, who by the end of the year had the situation again in hand and averted the threat to the Government.

China's Domestic Ills
One can thus congratulate the Government on surviving three most serious crises during the course of the year. Whether in consequence its position has been strengthened throughout the country as a whole it is very difficult to say. A year ago it was at least possible to hope that the nationalist victory had done away with the old disruptive forces which kept China in turmoil. The events of the last twelve months have proved this hope to be vain and we must, I fear, now reconcile ourselves to a slower, and less dramatic, cure of China's domestic ills.

The sequence of wars has left little room for constructive work and the many excellent programme of reform sponsored by the National Government have made but small progress. Such as they are, I will attempt, however, to review the achievements of the year.

Value of Independent Scrutiny
In the sphere, first, of politics, the central Executive Council announced in June the Kuomintang programme for the continued government of this country. In accordance with this programme the system of "political tutelage" is to last till 1935, thus prolonging the government of China by the Kuomintang Party for six years to come.

In the matter of legislation many new laws and sections of codes have been promulgated. The texts appear to be based in general on good and up-to-date models. Our own experience in legislation has taught us, however, the great value of independent scrutiny and criticism of draft laws in order that they may, before acceptance, be moulded into the form best adapted to local conditions and it is perhaps a little unfortunate that the present system of legislation in China pro-

vides no opportunity for examination by any other agency than the Central Administration itself. In the manner of their making the new fundamental laws of China might appear, in fact, to approximate rather too much to departmental regulations.

National Finance
Turning to national finance, the position is frankly disappointing. In spite of forcible pleadings by the Chinese bankers and merchants and of clear and outspoken warning by the Minister of Finance himself, the Government have failed to achieve any of the major reforms which are so urgently needed in order to put the country on a sound financial footing. The balancing of revenue and expenditure appears no nearer and the spending of the major part of the national income on military expenditure continues as before. There is little or no abatement of the crippling local taxation. The reorganisation of the Central Government's revenues under Mr. T. V. Soong has undoubtedly made advance, but the ensuing increase, including the additional yield from the Customs, has been swallowed up almost entirely by military needs. Future income, meanwhile, has been pledged ever deeper for unproductive loans issued to the total nominal value of some \$250 millions in the course of the past year. I must mention in this respect the great improvement effected by the creation of independent commissions for the custody and service of the funds pledged for these loans, the result showing in the fact that their price on the market has remained relatively unaffected by political fluctuations.

Debts "Snowball"
Though a special Government Committee has been appointed for debt consolidation, we still await tangible evidence of progress and in the meantime the debt continues to "snowball" in alarming fashion. The Minister of Finance's arrangements for dealing with the arrears of the "Salt" loans has helped to revive confidence among holders of this class of security. Nothing however has been done for a very important category of creditors, namely the purveyors of railway material, some of whom have been waiting for payment for over ten years. This is a very serious matter and I consider it indefensible that a government which disposes of the earnings of railways should withhold payment for the materials used in their working (which, let me add, include in this case a large amount of rolling-stock in everyday use on the lines), thereby involving private merchants in almost intolerable losses. We are given to understand that the Ministry of Railways has the matter of debt settlement in hand and we must hope that it will not be long before action is taken to remove the stigma which attaches to the present state of affairs.

Records Not Impressive
As regards the railways themselves, an extension programme of almost staggering magnitude, requiring an expenditure of some \$800,000,000 was adopted by the Third National Congress. But when we turn from plans to achievements, the record is hardly impressive. Thanks in considerable part to the use of remitted Boxer indemnities, there has been, it is true, a greater replacement of rolling-stock than for a good many years past and the benefit of this will inevitably make itself felt if the lines can be kept free from the plague of military interference. The "12" however, is a big one. The past year saw little improvement in the railways as a whole—in regard to military occupations or to the excessive taxation which goes with military control, transportation taxes levied as before on many of the principal lines. Conditions have been more hopeful on the Shanghai-Nanking and Shanghai-Hangchow railways, in relation to which lines our associate, the British and Chinese corporation, has been actively engaged on schemes of co-operation with the Ministry of Railways.

Disbandment remains the most important issue in China's domestic affairs, and if I mention it last this is only because there is, unhappily, nothing more to record than the holding of the two barren conferences already mentioned. The President himself has described disbandment as the touchstone of patriotism for China's military commanders; the definition is exact and there is nothing which would do more to restore the world confidence which China so greatly needs than an effective agreement among those same leaders for the mutual reduction of troops. Failing on to China's diplomatic relations in 1929, I come to a question of vital importance for all foreign concerns, namely the abolition of extraterritoriality. Having proved my mastery of that excessively polysyllabic word, I propose by the way to save my tongue and your time by using it in future in its telegraphic form and to call it "extraterritoriality". The subject is so immense that I cannot deal with it

as fully as I should like and I shall confine myself to a few comprehensive remarks from the point of view particularly of our own position in the matter.

Let me begin by saying that China's ambition to abolish the extraterritorial system and to see herself placed on the footing of other nations is one which we understand and can feel for. In the past, however, as pointed out by His Majesty's Government—the system has been a recognised necessity in China, and it is upon it that institutions like our own were founded and built up. Its abrupt termination would, I have no hesitation in saying, seriously imperil their existence and be an act of the gravest injustice. What we therefore demand is, not that extraterritoriality shall remain in its unmodified form, but that its modification shall be gradual, the rate and method being such as will at no stage leave foreign firms in China without common legal safeguards. As to how far China has already progressed towards herself providing these safeguards, opinions may vary. I can only say that the report of the 1928 Commission abundantly proved their inadequacy at that date, and that it is obvious that the four intervening years, filled as they have been by warfare and political turmoil, have wrought no radical improvement.

Essential Safeguards
Now the essential safeguards which we need for the carrying on of our business may be grouped under three heads, reasonable laws, their impartial application by independent judges and, lastly, effective protection against illegal administrative acts. As regards the first, the Government, as stated, is busily enacting a body of modern law. There may, as I have mentioned before, be room for improvement in the method of compilation, but there is no reason to doubt that China will soon possess an acceptable instrument of justice insofar as the actual codes are concerned. When we come to administration we have, however, before us many recent cases in the Shanghai Provisional Court which have drawn forth protest from the Consular Deputies and in the foreign Press besides incurring the united strictures of the Diplomatic body.

Chinese Tribunals
One has only to look at the record of this court to see the need of a further period of development before foreigners can look with confidence to the Chinese tribunals as a guarantee of justice. It is above all the lack of judicial independence—stressed by the Commissioners in their 1928 Report as the outstanding defect of the courts—which causes mistrust since it has shown itself all too clearly in the frequent removal of judges and in avowed submission by the judiciary to political authority. While gladly recognising the progress already made, I cannot, therefore, but echo the British Government's statement in their note of August last. They there pointed to the need of a far greater advance towards making a living reality of reforms, especially in regard to freeing the courts from outside interference and dictation. Till this takes place, any transfer to the Chinese courts of powers of jurisdiction over foreigners needs to be strictly conditioned and limited.

A Warning Note
I come now to the third, and in my opinion by far the most important, of our requisite safeguards. A glance at current conditions in China is enough to show how absolutely necessary it is that protection should exist against lawless impositions by the "povera-ti-be". Individuals and companies are notoriously subject to illegal, and often the courts of law provide no defence. So many flagrant cases have been revealed in the public Press that examples need not be quoted. This state of affairs is, of course, closely connected with the persistence of civil war throughout the provinces of China, and one can fairly hope that a few years of peace and orderly government will remove the worst of the evil. But I wish to say with all the emphasis I can that unless and until this improvement takes place it would be certainly premature, and not improbably disastrous in the fullest sense of the word, to place foreign businesses under the sovereign control of local Chinese officials. If we are presently to be called upon to come under Chinese law, it is here more than in any other direction that we look to our Government to assure us the protection so vitally needed.

Shanghai's Fate
The momentous question of the future status of the Shanghai International Settlement is receiving official attention. The system of municipal government under which the Settlement has attained to its present size and prosperity has a splendid record to its credit. Altered conditions of which the rapid expansion of "Greater Shanghai" outside the Settlement boundaries is perhaps the most important—call, however, for an impartial examination and it may be, for some changes. The Shanghai Municipal Council have taken a wise step by obtaining as their adviser, in the person of Judge Feetham, a man of experience and high reputation in the practical handling of problems of an analogous nature. Let us hope that a solution will be found which will provide the desired extent of Chinese co-operation and also firmly guarantee the standards of efficiency and integrity which the administration of the Settlement has enjoyed up to the present.

Sino-Russian Rupture
Other matters in China's relations with foreign Powers to which time forbids me to make more than the brief-

est reference are, firstly, the evacuation of Shantung by the Japanese troops last May, resulting in a relaxation of the tension which had unfortunately existed between the two countries for the previous year and, secondly, the Sino-Russian rupture over the Chinese Eastern Railway which still awaits a final settlement although through traffic on the railway has now been resumed.

Having made already considerable demands on your patience in dealing with the state of affairs in China, I must pass over much that would otherwise claim attention. Enough has, however, been said to show that the year on which we are entering opens a more than usually anxious prospect to foreign banks and businesses whose interests are vested in that country.

Mr. Hynes Resigns
I would ask your patience for a moment whilst I allude to a personal matter. I was 15 years in the service of the Bank. My first three and a half years in the East were spent in Penang, and when I was transferred to Shanghai the man who came out from Home to relieve me was Mr. Hynes. You will understand, therefore, that I have followed his career in the Bank with much interest. I have now to inform you that Mr. Hynes has tendered his resignation, which the Directors have accepted but with the very greatest regret. He has had over 35 years' service—of which over 12 have been in Hong Kong itself—and during the past three years has been our Chief Manager. These three years, as you all know, have been exceptionally difficult ones, and the results attained in face of these difficulties speak more for Mr. Hynes's zeal and ability in the service of the Bank than anything I could possibly say. I feel sure that you would wish to join me in offering a warm farewell to Mr. Hynes and in wishing him enjoyment of a well-merited rest after his long and successful career in the Bank.

Mr. Grayburn Appointed
Another old colleague of mine, Mr. V. M. Grayburn, has been appointed to be Acting Chief Manager when Mr. Hynes leaves in two or three weeks' time. Here again I feel sure that you will join me in offering him a hearty welcome and every success.

In conclusion I would ask you to confirm the Directors' vote of a bonus to the staff of 5 per cent. on their salaries. The reduction from 10 per cent.—the figure of several years past—has been made to correspond with the halving of the Shareholders' bonus.

I now beg to propose the adoption of the Report and Statement of Accounts. After the proposal has been seconded and before placing the motion before the Meeting, I shall be pleased to answer to the best of my ability any questions that Shareholders may have to ask.

Sir Henry Pollock Speaks
Mr. Chairman, Ladies and Gentlemen.—In rising to second the adoption of the Report and the Statement of Accounts, I do not propose to occupy many minutes of your time, especially in view of the very full and interesting speech which has just been made from the Chair.

The first point which strikes one as satisfactory is the fact that, in spite of difficult trade and banking conditions during the past year, our earnings in silver for 1929 exceeded by some 7 lacs of dollars our earnings in silver for the year 1928.

Yet another point for congratulation is that our Directors, by transferring 5 million dollars from our silver reserve to the very favourable rate of 24 to the dollar, have raised our sterling reserve to six and a half million sterling, and when we call to mind that only 20 years ago, at the beginning of 1910, our sterling reserve stood at one and a half million pounds only, it will be readily appreciated how much the Bank has strengthened its sterling position during the last 10 years.

We are also transferring \$500,000 to our silver reserve and \$750,000 to Bank Premises' Account; and it is pleasing to hear from you, Sir, that our investments stand at well under market quotations.

A Matter To Be Deplored
Whilst we, as shareholders, must regret that the sterling bonus for the year has been reduced from 10 to 5 per cent., we feel bound to acquiesce in the decision of the Board when we reflect that, at the low exchange of 1s/7½ to the dollar, the final payment to us of 24 per share costs only about \$40,000 less.

In dollars than the payment of the final 25 per share cost us for the year 1928 at the then exchange of 2s/0½ to the dollar. Moreover, those shareholders who think in dollars, can derive comfort from the fact that for the year 1929 they are receiving, in dividend and bonus combined, \$80.37 per share as compared with \$70.02 per share for the year 1928.

In regard to the disturbed state of affairs in China, shareholders can only join with our Directors in deploring the continued persistence of civil war in China, with its accompaniment of famine and brigandage and of the oppression of the Chinese merchants and masses by irregular taxation and of interference with the arteries of trade in so many provinces of China.

Piracy Still Prevails
Also the molestation of shipping by pirates is still, unfortunately, with us, and we trust that the preventive measures, which have recently been initiated by the Government of Kwangtung, will shortly bear fruit.

As regards the abolition of extraterritoriality, one can only express the hope that the Powers that be in Nanking will realise

THE TUTANKHAMEN "CURSE"

SUICIDE OF AN AGED PEER
GRIEVED FOR HIS SON

Rugby, Yesterday.
Lord Westbury who was aged 78, to-day jumped from a 7th floor flat in London, and was killed. At the inquest a verdict of "Suicide while of unsound mind" was returned.
Evidence was given—that Lord Westbury, who had suffered from ill health, had grieved very much over the loss of his son and heir, the Hon. Richard Bethell, who was found dead in bed. The Hon. R. Bethell, who was only 46, was secretary to Mr. Howard Carter, who carried out the work of excavating the tomb of Tutankhamen in the Valley of Kings in Egypt, and his tragic and early death revived the superstition of a curse on those who disturb the tombs of the ancient Pharaohs.

Since the excavation of Tutankhamen's tomb ten people who were concerned in the work have died, including Lord Carnarvon—British Wireless Service.

CAR AND TRAM

Mishaps at Kennedy Town

Mr. W. E. Hollands, Land Bailiff in the office of the Building Authority, figured in a motor accident yesterday.

He was driving his car along the Kennedy Town Praya, when he had to swerve sharply to avoid a coolie, who was crossing the road with a sack of rice on his shoulder.

The sudden swerving caused the car to collide with a tramcar which was proceeding in the opposite direction. The impact caused considerable damage to the front of Mr. Hollands's car, but, fortunately, no one was injured.

PACIFIC TRAGEDY

Superintendent's Mad Crime

Townsville (Queensland), Feb. 4.

In response to a message of distress brought by two aborigines from Palm Island, a native settlement twenty miles off the Queensland coast, a doctor, police and provisions were rushed to the Island. It appears that the Superintendent, Mr. R. M. Curry, ran amok, shot and seriously injured Dr. Patterson and his wife, set fire to several buildings, including his own house, departed to an adjacent island and returned to Palm Island, where he was shot dead by an aborigine immediately he landed. The bodies of Mr. Curry's daughter, aged 20, and his son, aged 10, were found among the ruins of his house.

The police have brought back Dr. Patterson and his wife, who is wounded, and also Mr. Curry's body.

the desirability for proceeding slowly and gradually, so long as Chinese Judges have no security of tenure, of office, and so long as such Judges are liable to dictation and interference by political and military officials.

All shareholders will most cordially endorse the bonus of 5 per cent. to the Bank staff on their salaries, and will very much regret the necessity for reducing the same.

In conclusion, Mr. Chairman, I desire, on behalf of the shareholders, to echo your words of appreciation of the very valuable services which have been rendered to the Bank by our retiring Chief Manager, Mr. Hynes, during the past three extremely difficult years, and we join in wishing him, and Mrs. Hynes also, many years of happiness to come.

We likewise desire to endorse your words of welcome to the incoming Chief Manager, Mr. Grayburn, and to wish him every success in his arduous task.

Other Business
The adoption of the report and statement of the accounts were proposed by the Chairman and seconded by the Hon. Sir Henry Pollock and was unanimously carried.

Proposed by Mr. R. M. Dyer and seconded by Mr. D. J. Lewis, the following gentlemen were elected to the Board of Directors: Messrs. J. P. Warren, T. H. R. Shaw, M. T. Johnson and T. E. Pearce.

Mr. W. E. Patterson, Mr. A. H. Compton and Mr. B. D. F. Bethell, who were re-elected to the Board of Directors on the proposal of Mr. R. M. Dyer, and seconded by Mr. D. J. Lewis.

The auditors, Mr. C. Bernard Brown, A.C.A., and Mr. John Fleming, C.A., were re-elected on the proposal of Mr. F. C. Hall and seconded by Mr. J. W. C. Bonnar.

"SWITCHBOARD OF WORLD"

LONDON AND WIRELESS TELEPHONY
BIG DEVELOPMENTS

Rugby, Yesterday.
Wireless telephony is developing with remarkable rapidity, and London is fast becoming the switchboard of the world. The Australian Experimental Service, which has been conducted by the Post Office from Rugby and Baldoon Wireless Telephone Stations to a spot near Sydney, Australia, has met with great success, and an official announcement regarding the service will be made in the near future.

Yesterday, a new service to the Vatican State via Rome was opened by the Post Office. Recently the Isle of Man was linked to the mainland, and it is expected that a similar development will take place with regard to the Channel Islands.

It is now possible to telephone from Great Britain to ships at sea, and within a short time a service will be in operation between any fixed telephone station and passengers on main line express trains.

Since the single speech channel between Britain and America was opened just over a year ago, traffic has greatly increased, and now four speech channels are in use. Even these are not sufficient for the demand. Stock brokers and other business people have accepted the Trans-Atlantic telephone as a necessary aid to business, and use it for long calls daily, present traffic being somewhere around one thousand calls daily. Work has been started on a new Trans-Atlantic cable, which is to be available for telephony, and it is expected to be complete by 1932.

The British Post Office is leading Europe, if not the world, in telephony, and is most anxious to fill the existing gaps. Linking up with other countries like Turkey depends to a great extent on the efficiency of the machinery and administration abroad.—British Wireless Service.

NEW FRENCH CABINET FORMED

MONSIEUR CHATEAUMPS AS PREMIER

Paris, Yesterday.

The new Cabinet now formed is as follows:

Premier and Minister of the Interior, M. Chateaux.
Minister of Justice, M. Steeg.
Secretary for Foreign Affairs, M. Briand.
Minister of Finance, M. Dumont.
Minister of Budget, M. Palmade.
Secretary for War, M. René Besnard.
Minister of Navy, M. Albert Sarraut.
Minister of Public Education, M. Jean Durand.
Minister of Commerce, M. Bonnet.
Minister of Agriculture, M. Queuille.
Minister of Labour, M. Loucheur.
Minister of Public Works, M. Daladier.
Secretary for the Colonies, M. Lamoureaux.
Minister of Air, M. Eynac.
Minister of Pensions, M. Gallot.
Minister of Posts, M. Julien Durand.
Minister of Mercantile Marine, M. Danton.
Renter.

INSPECTOR COTTON

Serious Illness in Hospital

His many friends will regret to learn that Sub-Inspector E. Cotton, of the Hong Kong Police, is lying seriously ill at the Government Civil Hospital, suffering from pneumonia.

Mr. Cotton had been indisposed for some days with what he dismissed as a simple cold, which was accompanied by hoarseness.
On Saturday last he became feverish, and had to be taken to the hospital where pneumonia was diagnosed. In spite of careful attention, his condition gradually became worse, and reports on his condition have been issued daily since Thursday.

On Thursday his condition was reported as serious, and although his heart was standing the strain well, he was toxic.

In view of this report it was considered advisable to send a cable to Mrs. Cotton, who is at Home.
Yesterday's report stated that Mr. Cotton's condition was rather worse, his pulse not being so good. He was also stated to be toxic and delirious.

On inquiry this morning, the *China Mail* learned that Mr. Cotton's condition had remained much the same overnight.

RELIGIOUS PERSECUTION

The arrangements being made by the Archbishop of Canterbury for a special intercessory service in connection with the Russian Church, to be held on March 16, will not apply to H.M. ships and establishments.

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SHIZUOKA MARU	Tuesday, 11th March.
YOKOHAMA MARU	Saturday, 8th March.
LONDON, MARSEILLES, ANTWERP, ROTTERDAM via Singapore, Penang, Colombo, Suez.	Saturday, 22nd March.
HARUNA MARU	Wednesday, 26th March.
KAMO MARU	Wednesday, 23rd April.
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TANGO MARU	Friday, 28th February.
AKI MARU	Friday, 28th February.
BOMBAY via Singapore, Penang, & Colombo.	Friday, 28th February.
↑ TOKUSHIMA MARU	Friday, 28th February.
SOUTH AMERICA (West Coast) via Japan, Honolulu, Los Angeles, Mexico & Panama.	Sunday, 2nd March.
RAKUYO MARU	Saturday, 8th March.
SOUTH AMERICA (East Coast) via Singapore, Cape Town & Ports.	Saturday, 8th March.
KAWACHI MARU	Saturday, 8th March.
NEW YORK, BOSTON via Panama.	Tuesday, 11th March.
↑ TAKETOYO MARU	Sunday, 23rd March.
↑ KAKO MARU	Thursday, 20th March.
LIVERPOOL via Port Said, Constantinople, Genoa.	Thursday, 20th March.
↑ LYONS MARU	Thursday, 20th March.
CALCUTTA via Singapore, Penang & Rangoon.	Saturday, 1st March.
↑ MORIOKA MARU	Saturday, 8th March.
↑ HARODATE MARU	Saturday, 8th March.
SHANGHAI, KOBE & YOKOHAMA.	Thursday, 27th February.
↑ GENOA MARU	Sunday, 2nd March.
AWA MARU	Tuesday, 4th March.
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RIO DE JANEIRO, SANTOS & BUENOS AIRES—Via Saigon, Singapore	Friday, 21st March.
HAWAII MARU	Tuesday, 25th February.
LAPLATA MARU	Friday, 21st March.
BOMBAY—Via Singapore & Colombo.	Saturday, 8th March.
CELEBES MARU	Wednesday, 19th March.
MEIGEN MARU	Wednesday, 19th March.
DURBAN, LOURENCO MARQUES, BEIRA, DAR-ES-SALAAM, ZANZIBAR & NOMBASA—Via Singapore & Colombo.	Monday, 31st March.
PANAMA MARU	Saturday, 1st March.
CANADA MARU	Monday, 31st March.
CALCUTTA—Via Singapore, Penang & Rangoon.	Tuesday, 18th March.
SUMATRA MARU	Tuesday, 18th March.
VICTORIA, SEATTLE, TACOMA & VANCOUVER—Via Japan Ports from Shanghai.	Sunday, 9th March.
ALABAMA MARU (from Shanghai)	Sunday, 9th March.
MELBOURNE—Via Manila, Brisbane & Sydney.	Thursday, 6th March.
SYDNEY MARU	Thursday, 6th March.
HAIPHONG—Via Hanoi & Pakhoi.	Thursday, 6th March, 10 a.m.
MENADO MARU	Thursday, 6th March, 10 a.m.
NEW YORK—Via Japan ports, San Francisco & Panama.	Sunday, 2nd March.
HAMBURG MARU	Sunday, 2nd March.
JAPAN PORTS.	Sunday, 2nd March.
PEKING MARU	Sunday, 23rd February.
TACOMA MARU	Monday, 24th February.
HAMBURG MARU	Sunday, 2nd March.
KEELUNG—Via Swatow & Amoy.	Sunday, 23rd February, Noon.
HOAN MARU	Sunday, 2nd March, Noon.
CANTON MARU	Sunday, 2nd March, Noon.
TAKAO—Via Swatow & Amoy.	Thursday, 27th February, 10 a.m.
DELI MARU	Thursday, 27th February, 10 a.m.
TAKAO & KEELUNG.	Friday, 14th March.
SOURABAYA MARU	Friday, 14th March.

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SHIPPING SECTION.

U.S. SHIPBUILDING SITUATION

PRESENT TOTAL OF UNFINISHED CONTRACTS

IMPROVED OUTPUT

A survey of shipbuilding in the United States during 1929 made by the National Council of American Shipbuilders, which includes in its membership all of the shipyards building ocean-going tonnage, indicates an improved outlook. Unfinished contracts on January 1, 1930, included approximately \$30,000,000 worth of merchant vessels and \$30,000,000 worth of naval vessels. This compares with \$20,000,000 worth of merchant vessels and \$30,000,000 worth of naval vessels on January 1, 1929.

The survey shows that only eight sea-going vessels of 1,000 gross tons or over were delivered during 1929. These consisted of:

One scout cruiser, the Salt Lake City, with geared turbine drive; one passenger vessel, the Pennsylvania; with turbo-electric drive; two colliers, the Berwindvale and Berwindglen, with reciprocating engines and pulverised coal equipment; two inter-island vessels, the Hualalai and Humuhua, for service among the Hawaiian Islands, with geared turbine drive, and two tankers, the Blue Sunoco, with diesel electric drive.

All other vessels delivered during the year were yachts, ferryboats, barges, car floats and other small craft.

The values of new contracts for sea-going vessels of 1,000 gross tons and over awarded during the year were:

Type of Ship.	No.	Approx. value.
Scout cruisers	2	\$21,000,000
Passenger vessels	6	\$7,600,000
Combination vessels	6	\$13,800,000
Tankers	14	\$23,455,000

Reasons for Improvement

"The increase in the number of passenger and combination vessels," it is stated, "has been made possible by the aid accorded shipowners by the mail contract provision of the Merchant Marine Act of 1928, and by the construction loan fund created by the act. The distinct revival in oil tanker construction has been brought about by the continually growing world-wide demand for oil in many fields of industry."

"While there has been a marked improvement in shipbuilding in 1929, the present volume of unfinished contracts, even if continued, will not be sufficient to maintain the shipyards in operation at their normal capacity. They will employ only about 31,000 workmen to carry on the present programme of shipbuilding, while it is estimated that not less than 40,000 workmen would be required if the yards were to be operated at normal capacity. There are still more than 30 unassigned building ways available for ship construction."

"To maintain the present volume of ship construction, will involve an expenditure of at least \$75,000,000 each year for additional work. The probable award of new contracts for the transportation of mail, and the anticipated future orders for oil tankers reasonably assure the yards of a substantial volume of new construction during the next two or three years. Beyond this period the principal volume of new construction will be contingent upon the replacement of the present cargo vessels employed both in the foreign and in coastwise trade."

The Tramp Trade

"The necessity of providing cargo vessels for the direct foreign trade of the United States is so great that there is little likelihood of any demand for the construction of cargo vessels for what is generally known as the tramp trade. Their future use appears to be possible only under joint ownership and operation with passenger and combination vessels. Therefore the future demand for cargo vessels for the foreign trade will come from owner operating passenger and combination vessels on established routes and to whom the shipbuilders will necessarily look for contracts for the construction of such vessels."

"The replacement of the present obsolescent cargo fleet must be made by the owners operating passenger and combination vessels, and delay in affording aid to establish lines operating such vessels will mean a corresponding delay in the replacement of the cargo fleet. The replacement of coastwise cargo vessels will depend largely upon the ultimate disposition of the remainder of the idle Shipping Board fleet."

"In his endeavour to carry out the spirit of the Merchant Marine Act of 1928 the Postmaster-General has encountered difficulties in applying the text of the Act to contracts for the carriage of mails. It is hoped that these difficulties will be overcome without further legis-

lation, but if legislation be necessary it is essential that it be enacted during the present session of Congress to facilitate the awarding of future contracts for ship construction."

Loans to Shipowners

Commenting upon the position of the U.S. shipbuilding industry, Nauticus (New York), says:—

"Not in many years has the industry enjoyed as great an activity still more important orders to come, both of which factors are a result of the assistance granted shipowners by the Government through the Construction Loan Fund of the Shipping Board, which allows owners facilities for borrowing up to 75 per cent. of the amount spent upon new construction and/or renewals. As is well known, the rate of interest on ships built for coastwise trade is 5 1/2 per cent., while on loans for ships intended for foreign trade the interest rate is about 3 per cent. However, the Shipping Board appears to have issued at ruling to the effect that the lower rate applies only from the time that the ship is in active service; i.e., trading to foreign ports, so that the rate of 5 1/2 per cent. would apply while the ship is in process of construction."

"In order to remedy this situation, it is announced that Representative Free, of California, will introduce in Congress, as soon as it convenes, a bill defining the period of 'inactive service' as that during which the ship is unemployed after construction, thereby allowing owners of ships intended for foreign trade the benefit of the lower rate of interest while the ship is being completed. As the Government allows 20 years within which to repay loans, and in view of the considerable sums which owners intend to spend on new ships within the next years in order to comply with the terms of mail contracts, it is hoped that Congress will enact the proposed measure in order to make the practice of rendering financial assistance conform more strictly with the spirit of the Jones-White Act."

EASTERN PORTS

Details of Health Bulletin

The health bulletin of Eastern ports for the week ended February 15, issued by the Director of Medical and Sanitary Services, give the following cases:—

Plague	
Madras: 1 case.	
Colombo: 2 cases, 2 deaths.	
Cheribon: 1 case.	
Pnom Penh: 1 death.	
Cholera	
Calcutta: 65 cases, 45 deaths.	
Bangkok: 1 case.	
Pnom Penh: 1 death.	
Small-pox	
Mombasa: 8 cases.	
Bagdad: 2 cases, 1 death.	
Bombay: 112 cases, 37 deaths.	
Calcutta: 96 cases, 89 deaths.	
Cochin: 62 cases, 8 deaths.	
Karachi: 5 cases, 4 deaths.	
Madras: 89 cases, 5 deaths.	
Moulmein: 26 cases, 10 deaths.	
Nagapattam: 1 case.	
Rangoon: 1 case, 1 death.	
Vizagapatnam: 5 cases, 1 death.	
Pondicherry: 2 cases, 1 death.	
Batavia: 2 cases, 1 death.	
Saloon: 2 cases, 1 death.	
Macao: 1 death.	
Shanghai: 1 death.	
Canton: 4 cases, 2 deaths.	

JUMP INTO HARBOUR

Au Yun, ticket collector on board the ferry launch Man Keung, reported to the Police that at 8 p.m., yesterday, whilst the launch was approaching the A.P.C. wharf at Taitoktsui, on a trip from Hong Kong to Shamshuipo, a female passenger in the third class suddenly jumped overboard.

The launch was stopped immediately the alarm was raised and with the help of Police launch No. 5, which was in the vicinity, a search was carried out, but no trace of the woman was found.

THE LYEEMOON

The China Mail learns that the s.s. Lyeemoon, which is at present in port after being on the Amoy-Manila run for some time, is to be put back on the same run again. She is commanded by Captain Holmes.

MOVEMENTS OF STEAMERS

The C.P.S. R.M.S. Empress of Australia, R/W Cruise, arrived at Woosung on February 21 (Fri.) at 8.30 a.m., left Woosung on February 22 (Sat.) at 1 a.m., and is due at Chinwangtao on February 23 (Sun.) at 9 p.m.

The B.J. & Apcar Line s.s. Takamba, left Singapore for this port on February 20, p.m., and is due here on February 26, a.m.

FIFTY INSTEAD OF SEVENTY

BRITAIN'S CRUISER MINIMUM FOR NAVAL CONFERENCE

ADMIRALTY'S ATTITUDE

Sheffield.—The First Lord of the Admiralty, Mr. A. V. Alexander, outlined the attitude of the Admiralty towards the forthcoming Naval Conference in London, in a speech, and said that in the present world circumstances the Board were prepared to agree to 50 cruisers as the minimum needs of the Empire.

Mr. Alexander said:—"One of the most important aims of the London Conference is to reconcile our defence needs in the matter of cruisers with the requirements of international agreement."

"After the Washington Conference, at which the question of cruiser strength was only to a limited extent touched upon, the Board of Admiralty advised the Government of the day of their view of the needs of the British Empire in cruiser strength. The number, which is based on the needs of the defence of our world-wide and vital sea communications, was fixed at 70. But to-day we have to take account of the new situation which has arisen through the signature of the Pact of Paris outlawing war between most of the nations of the world. With such powerful support for peace we feel justified in looking forward to a period in which armed conflicts need not be expected."

Board's Provision

"The Board of the Admiralty, therefore, having regard to all the circumstances of to-day, and especially the Pact of Paris and improved world political relationships, are prepared to agree to 50 cruisers as the minimum needs of the Empire up to next date for a Conference and revision, which we expect will be near 1936. I must emphasise that this figure is the lowest that we feel can be fixed to meet even peace conditions in the present world circumstances. If, unhappily, the international horizon should become in the future less unclouded than it is to-day, it will be upon the Board of Admiralty to review their position and to make further proposals to his Majesty's Government."

ERIDAN'S MAIDEN VOYAGE

The motor vessel Eridan, belonging to the Compagnie des Messageries Maritimes, was expected to call at Colombo on her maiden voyage to Australia on January 29.

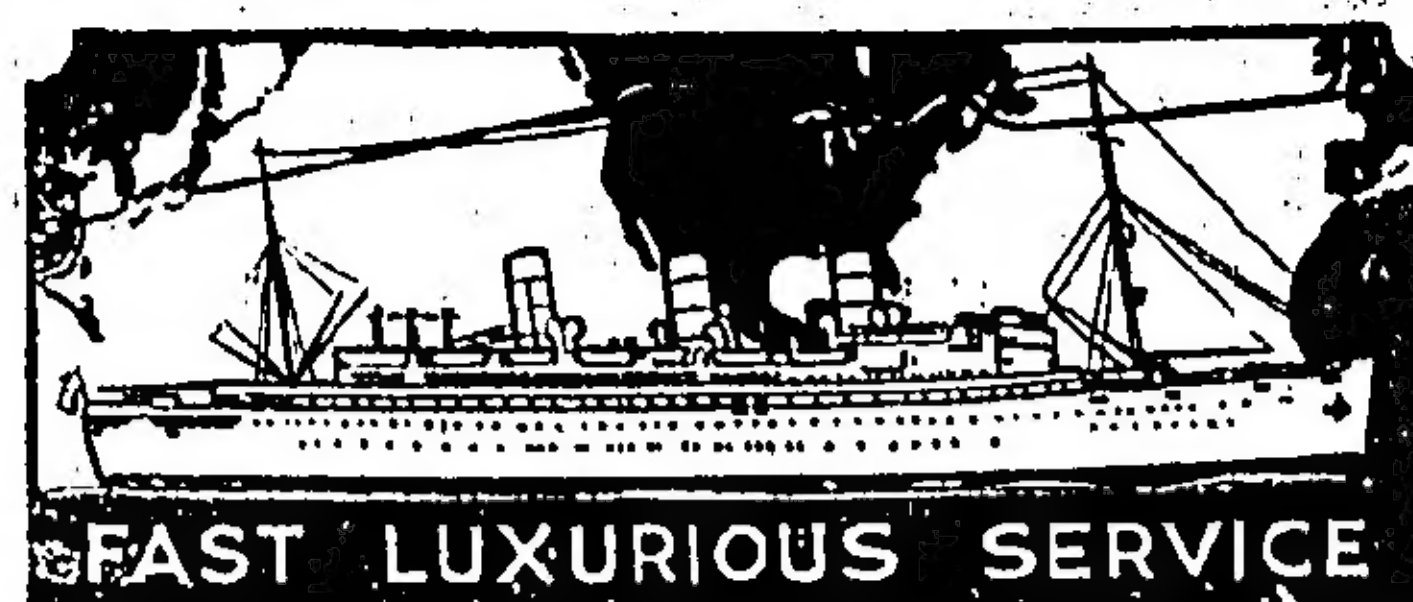
This new motor vessel (14,185 tons, twin screw) is 169 ft. in length, 61 ft. in breadth, 46 ft. in depth from upper deck, with an average draught of 27 ft. and has a total space of 11,070 cubic metres (392,992 cubic ft.).

She is propelled by two motors, Diesel Sulzer, 8 cylinders of 3,000 h.p. each.

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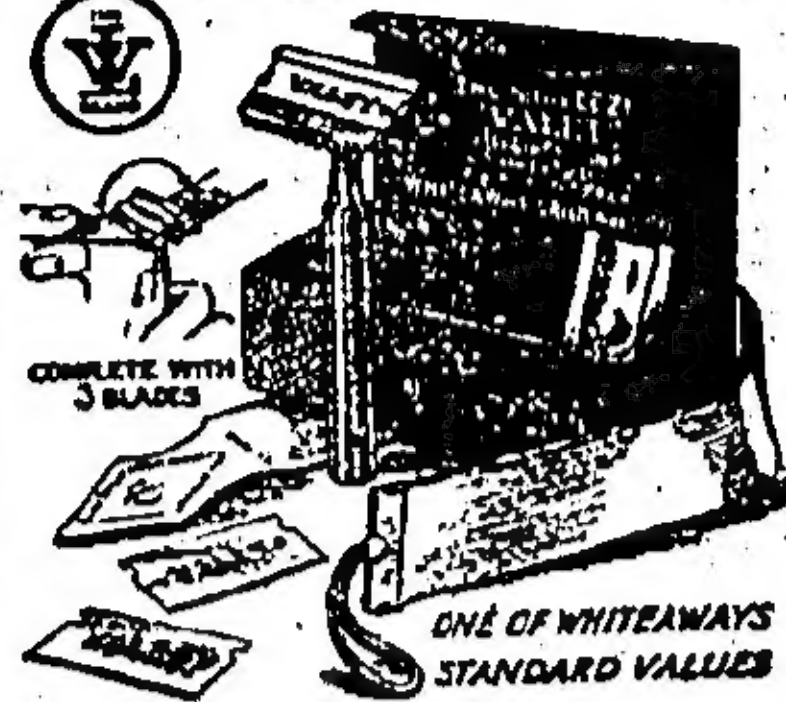
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Hong Kong, Saturday, Feb. 22, 1930.

STILL WATERS

Hong Kong has
One More many laws which
Ambiguous are both am-
Law biguous and
whimsical. Take

the Ordinance governing the issuance of a licence to hawkers for instance. Hardly a day passes without some Chinese being brought before the local Police Courts charged with the offence of hawking without a licence. A great number of these delinquents convinced the presiding Magistrates that they were honest and really in earnest to make an honest living. They had applied at the Licensing Office for a licence and had been refused. They were not telling an untruth, for in most cases the prosecuting Police officers could not deny that such was the case. One is therefore led to ask why should the Police Authorities refuse these men a licence when they are able to pay for it and are really desirous of becoming respectable citizens? Chinese hawkers are illiterate and in a small place like Hong Kong there is hardly any other job to which they can turn, with the result that if a licence is denied them they will either defy the authorities and keep on hawking without a licence, or turn into foot-pads.

According to the Ordinance the discretion lies with the Inspector-General of Police, as to whether a hawker's licence should be issued to a person or not. But in reality the discretion lies with a Police Inspector in charge of the Department, and his decision in the matter is often final. The present policy of issuing a limited number of licences to favoured persons is, to say the least, not doing the Colony any good. Surely the intention of the Police is not to increase the Colony's revenue from the fines paid by those who hawk without a licence. One would rather think that they should grant facilities to those who are really desirous of making an honest living in this Colony.

The Magistrates' attitude of very often do not see eye to eye with the Police, and in several cases they have, in plain English requested, nay, ordered the Police to grant a licence. There have been cases where the Magistrate refused to enter a conviction against persons charged with hawking without a licence. This should be clear to the licensing authorities. It should be their duty to make things easier for those who are honestly inclined to become good citizens, and not to hinder them.

It is indeed pitiable to see a large number of women, men and children being turned away from the Licensing Office. Most of them go there with their hearts full of hopes and with the \$4 to pay for their licence, either borrowed from charitable persons, or the proceeds of some clothing in pawn, but only to be told that they could not get a licence. Their hopes shattered, and at their wit's end, they may be driven by sheer desperation into committing larceny and other petty crimes. Is there no remedy, one may ask? The Ordinance says: "All licences shall be granted and issued at their discretion, by the officers named in the schedule on payment of the fees and for the periods set forth therein." In another paragraph it says: "Any person aggrieved by the refusal of a licence may appeal to the Governor, who may direct the proper officer to issue such a licence." It will therefore be seen that there is a remedy, but it is one that an illiterate and poor hawker may never hope to secure in the way suggested.

The local Russian Cultural Association, which came into being only a short time ago, already has a long list of members, not a few of whom are Britons who are in sympathy with the movement. The aims and objects of the Association are to unite into one family and one common fellowship all the White Russian emigres of the various countries formerly within the Imperial Russian Empire, who have suffered from the Revolution and who have now, in the course of time, settled down and become domiciled in the Colony of Hong Kong and its vicinity. The Association will assist in the maintenance of a spirit of fellowship and unity among all White Russians by promoting their social intercourse, by the encouragement of sport and recreation, and by the support and development of all cultural beginnings, and also render help and support to all White Russian men and women, if need be, "to uphold their dignity, honour and self-respect."

A moving spirit Fought of the Cultural Under Gen. Association, and Wrangel one whose enthusiasm has

largely been responsible for its formation and development, is Mr. Vasil B. Moynsenko-Veliki, the indefatigable Honorary Secretary. Mr. Veliki, like so many of the exiled White Russians, has had a distinguished military career. Originally an Imperial Naval Cadet, he was drafted during the war into a Cossack Regiment, later receiving a commission. On the outbreak of the Revolution he fought under the late General Wrangel, and suffered many vicissitudes before he left the fallen Russian Empire. Mr. Veliki, who holds several decorations for his services during the war, was connected with a firm of architects in Singapore before he came to Hong Kong, and whilst in Malaya was Captain of the Singapore Fencing Club. He was also interested in the development of a fencing association which was formed last year in Kowloon, but which disintegrated owing to lack of support.

Recently the China Health Mail drew the attention of the public to the sad state of affairs existing in the Colony, and pointed out that where sanitary measures are concerned we

are not only behind the times as compared with Western cities but that the International Settlement of Shanghai can give us 50 years and yet 'lick us. We have no Sanatorium and no Isolation Hospital in Hong Kong, and if an epidemic of any deadly disease were to ravage Hong Kong, we would be at a loss to combat it. It was, therefore, to be expected that the unofficial members of the Sanitary Board should have taken up this vital problem. Dr. Koch, however, is pessimistic. He said at the fortnightly meeting of the Sanitary Board that motions and resolutions had gone up to the Government and nothing had happened, which may possibly be true of the effort to move the Government to action regarding tuberculosis.

News in Brief

The name of Dr. Cheung Shing fan, B.M., B.S. (Hong Kong) has been added to the register of medical practitioners.

Messrs. Justen J. McCarthy, A.C.A., and Mortimer Reid and Sles have been appointed auditors under the Companies Ordinance.

For doing some trick cycling at West Point yesterday, a Chinese youth was this morning fined \$10 or 14 days by Mr. E. W. Hamilton.

According to a report to the Police, a Chinese in the employment of a Chinese firm at West Point, is suspected of having absconded with \$4,825, entrusted to him by his master.

Information has been received from Wuchow that Mr. Wooding, of the Asiatic Petroleum Company, is seriously ill, in all probability suffering from meningitis. He has been sent to Samshui as there is no European doctor at Wuchow.

A lecture entitled "Some Remarkable Inventions" will be given by Professor C. A. Middleton Smith, M.Sc., M.I.Mech.E., etc., on Thursday, February 27, at 8.45 p.m. in Room "K" of the University. The lecture will be of a popular nature and illustrated. It will be held under the auspices of the University Engineering Society and the general public are invited to attend.

MILITARY ABSENTEE

Yesterday a paragraph in Police reports gave information that a warrant had been issued on Thursday for the arrest of Sergt. Crawley, of the Somerset Light Infantry, who was wanted by the Military authorities as an absentee from his regiment.

This morning it was announced that the Sergeant had been arrested by the Police and handed over to a military escort.

A man charged at Marlborough Street Police Court said that he had eaten, among other things, six candles and twelve lighted cigarettes.

DAMAGE TO H.M.S. DURBAN

SEVERE STORM IN THE BAHAMAS

BOATS DRIVEN ASHORE

Rugby, Yesterday. The Admiralty states that during a severe and sudden storm at Nassau, Bahamas, on Monday last, violent seas broke over the forecastle and upper deck of the cruiser Durban. A commissioned gunner named Whitaker had two ribs broken, besides other minor injuries, and a blacksmith, Renton, also received minor injuries.

During the storm three of the boats belonging to the ship were driven ashore, two of them being practically destroyed. — British Wireless Service.

DARTMOOR PRISON

Fast Becoming a Private School

Dartmoor prison is becoming almost a private school, writes a correspondent to the Shanghai Times.

Inmates are now given the privilege of studying history, arithmetic, geography and the natural sciences. Books on almost any subject are available in the prison library. Bare cells of the old days have been converted into comfortable "studies" and those who have been in residence a few years are allowed to sleep in rooms that are often furnished better than were their own homes.

The inmates are graded according to the number of years they have been in residence. The "freshmen" have to rough it somewhat, but after 18 months are transferred to "Liberty Hall," if their conduct has been good, they get their first privileges.

There is a jazz band. Food is varied each day, the same menu never being repeated for three weeks. Pocket money is furnished those who reach a sufficiently privileged state.

Officials say that the new system produces zest for good behavior, as bad conduct means a loss of all privileges.

Ten Years Ago

[From the "China Mail," February 22, 1920.]

To-day's dollar is worth 5/- 8 1/4d.

Many people were present at the Y.R.C. last night to watch the first match in connection with the Club's annual tournament for the Billiard Championship of the Colony, between W. J. Langford and J. Parkes.

Both players were in excellent form.

Parkes took the lead with a break of 22. Langford overhauled him soon afterwards with a break of 21. A neck and neck struggle followed and when the 295 mark was reached, they were even. Parkes again forged ahead and established a lead of 50. He won by 62 points.

MEN, WOMEN, AND AFFAIRS

Cathedral Dignitaries: Ramsay's Right Hand: Photography in China: A Frothy Literary Gentleman: Convalescing At Cannes.

The Dancing Dean

ONLY those who have lived among the elect of a cathedral city can realise the conjecture which precedes the coming of a new dean. His social gifts, or the lack of them, are as grave a matter as decanal dignity or indecorum.

Chichester has lately received a new dean, and now comes the news of how he flattered the Prelates by dancing at a fancy-dress party. Other dignitaries of the cathedral were, I gather, witnesses of this Terephorean breach with tradition.

To be sure, though he "took part in several dances," it is expressly stated that the dean was not in fancy dress. And for good reason. It needed not another Swift to say, "Good Mr. Dean, go change your gown." Though "humility" in Cowper's phrase, "may clothe an English dean," his material raiment makes him appear not as other men.

A Popular Woman Secretary

THERE is no more popular woman engaged in Parliamentary work than Miss Rose Rosenberg, the Prime Minister's personal private secretary, who received recognition in the New Year Honours' list.

She is a very capable person, with an immense capacity for work, and what must be no less important to her chief, a well-developed ability for keeping in touch with all that is going on inside and outside the Socialist party.

She is also a model of discretion, as a result of which few matters with which the Prime Minister has to deal are kept secret from her. But, though she has worked with Mr. MacDonald for many years, the services for which she has been especially commended were rendered during the Prime Minister's recent visit to America.

China's Photographic Annual

FOLLOWING the trend of recent years towards amateur photography, China will soon see the publication of her first photographic annual. This annual will be published under the able editing of Mr. Hu Feh-huang, a well-known artist and one of the founders of the National Photographic Society of China, known formerly as Hua Tsai. Both professional photographers and amateurs all over China have pledged their support to this movement and with such influence and ability as Mr. Hu possesses, there is no doubt that one of the best photographic annuals will be the forthcoming edition.

A Great American Editor

MR. Edwards Bok was a great American editor, and, since he rose from being a small Dutch boy (fighting his way unaided in a foreign land where he spoke but little of the language to the position of one of the best-known men on the other side of the Atlantic, he must be reckoned in many respects a great man.

But he made mistakes, because he often spoke and wrote from his heart rather than his head, and jumped at times to conclusions which made him rather ridiculous.

When America came into the War and American troops began to be seen in England, he drew a vivid and wholly imaginary picture of the iniquities of London and the immoral condition of its streets after dark. "Should," he wrote, "our clean-limbed, clean-souled American 'dough-boys' be exposed to such contamination?"

This evoked much indignation, and many articles appeared in English papers which had the effect, as one witty writer put it, of "blowing the froth off the Bok."

Mr. Michael Arlen's Convalescence. MR. Michael Arlen, who, accompanied by his wife, is convalescing at Cannes, is making good progress after the severe operation which he underwent in Paris some weeks ago.

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PIONEER ART SUPPLEMENT.

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PUNCH AND JUDY.—A Punch and Judy show attracts the children at the China Light and Power Co.'s At Home and sports on Sunday.—(K. Fujiyama).



EMPEROR OF CANADA'S TEAM.—A football team composed of members of the crew of the s.s. Empress of Canada, who drew 4-4 in a game against the "B" Company, 2nd Bn. K.O.S.B., on the U.S.R.C. ground on Sunday.—(K. Fujiyama).



A STRIKING POSE.—The Grafton dancing girls perform for the Pathe's Sound Pictorial, London. The troupe gave a striking display of the art of dancing during their performance.—(Sport and General).



MARATHON RACE.—Bugler White, of the Somersets, who was first in the Hong Kong marathon race on Saturday.



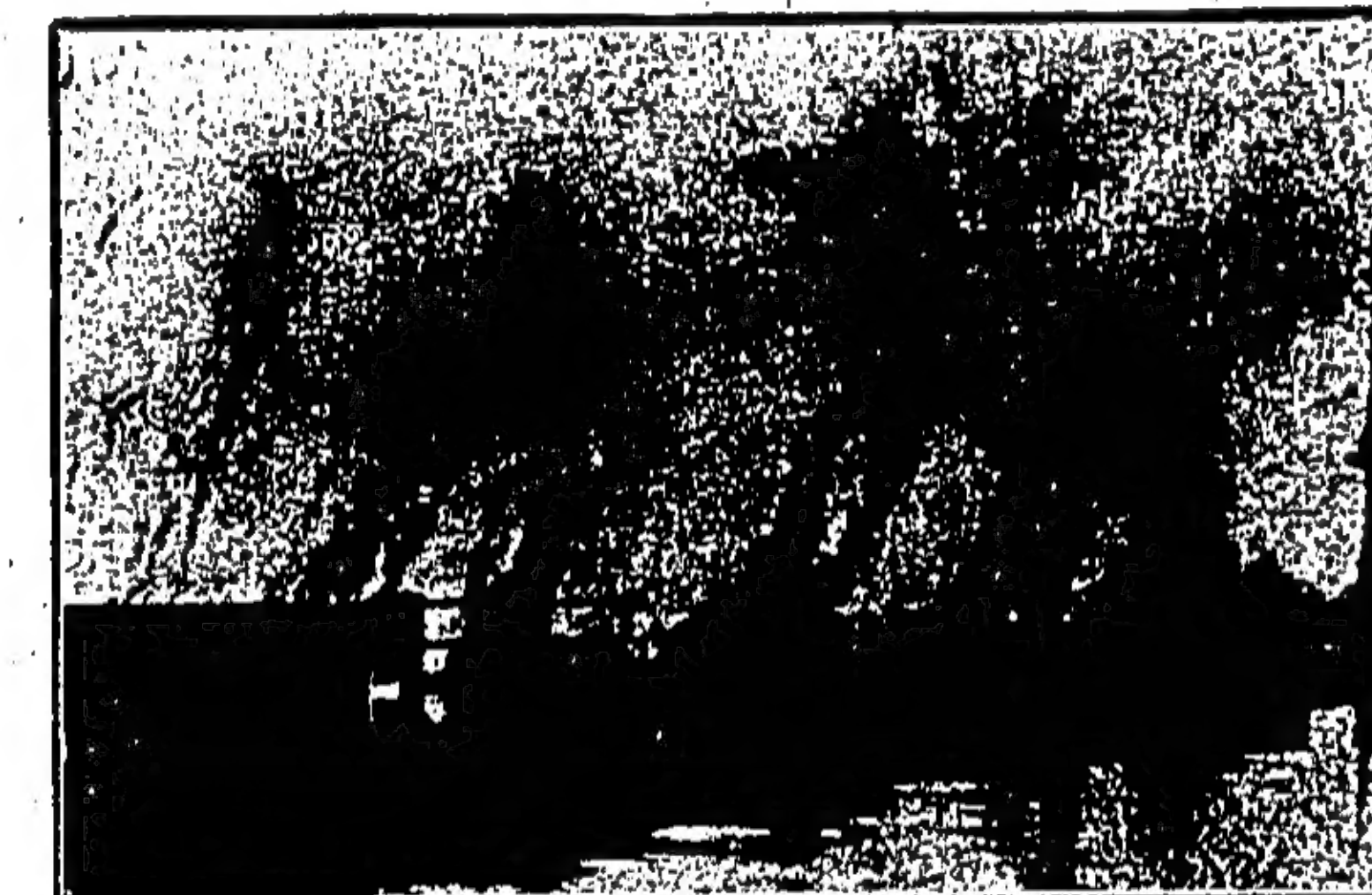
THE JUNIOR MILE.—Pomeroy winning the junior mile race at the Central British School sports on Saturday, with Anslow as a good second.



"THE BLUE BIRD."—Gifted little amateur actresses who appeared in a scene adapted from M. Maeterlinck's play, "The Blue Bird," which was performed at the Diocesan Girls' School annual prize distribution on Friday.—(Alfred Lock & Co.)



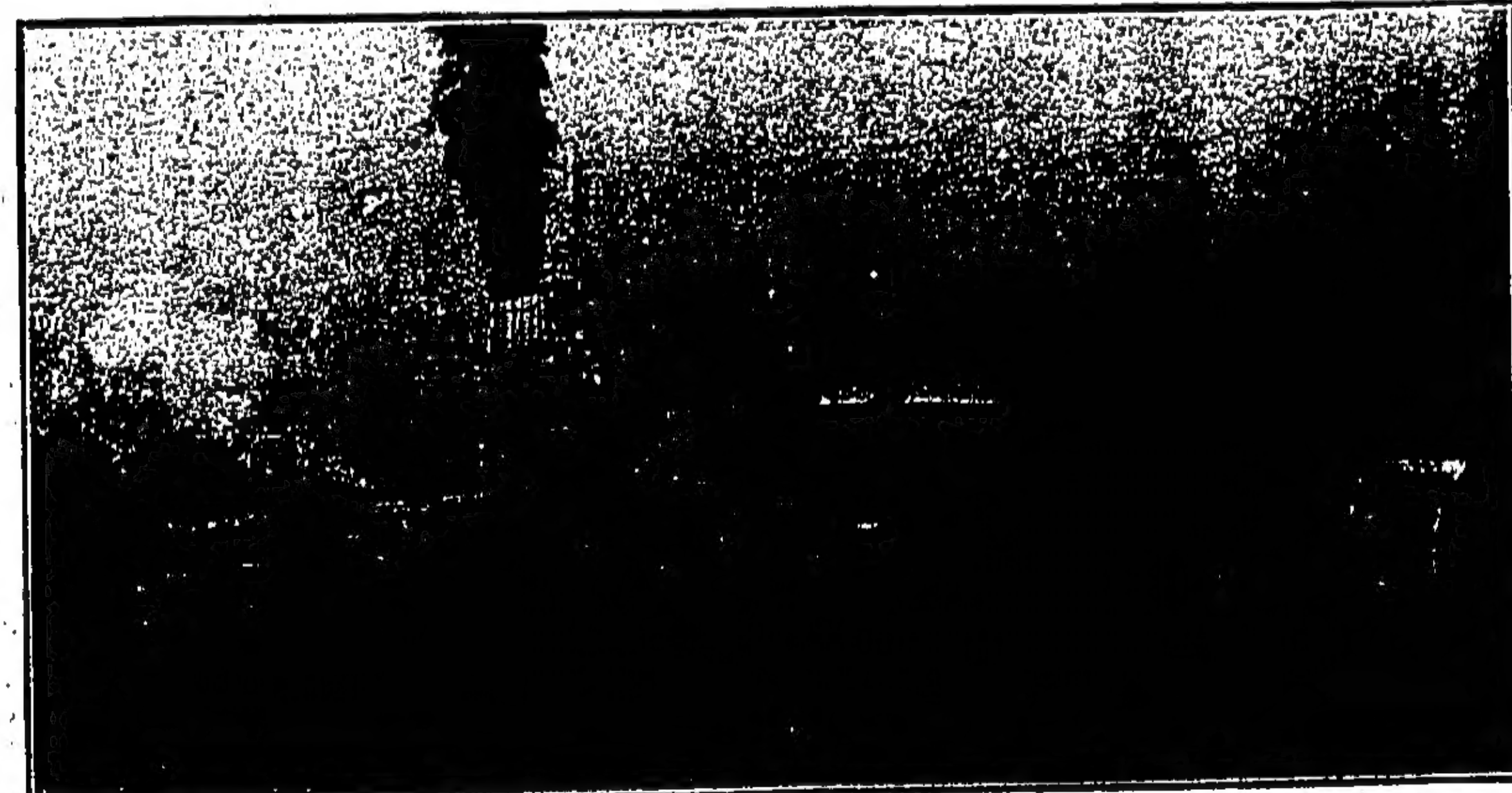
FRENCH PRIMA DONNA.—Mlle. Odette Darthys, leading Prima Donna of the Opera Comique, Paris, who will give a recital on Monday, February 24, at the Theatre Royal, Hong Kong, when she will sing excerpts from the operas in French, English and Italian.



ROUGH SEAS.—Severe gales have raged in all parts of England during the past few weeks, many lives being lost and much damage done to property. Terrific storms have been felt along the coast, the various piers and promenades being severely damaged. Rough seas dashing over the front at Bognor Regis.—(Sport and General).



MEN'S NEEDLE RACE.—The start of the men's needle race at the At Home and children's sports of the China Light and Power Co., on Sunday.—(K. Fujiyama).



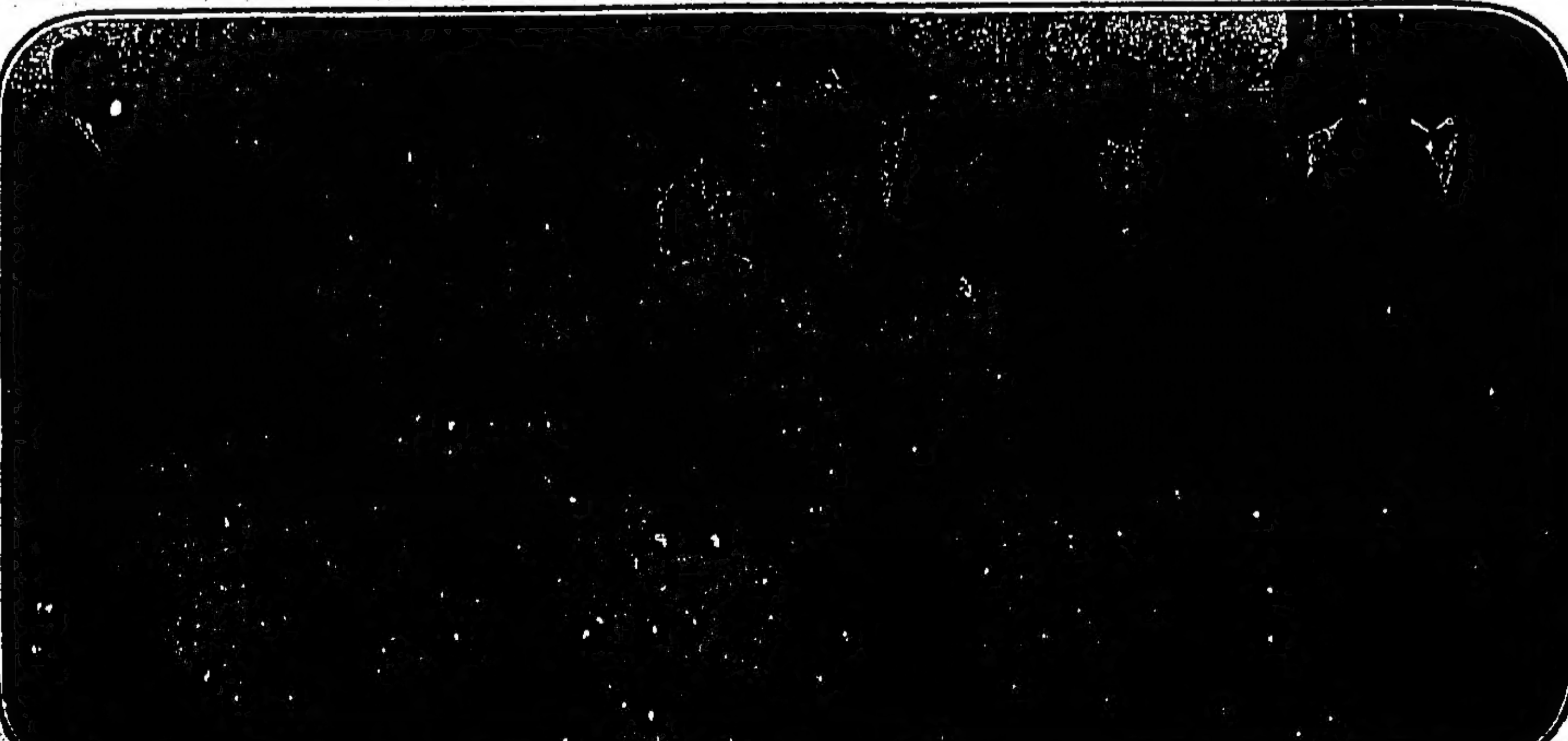
AIRCRAFT CARRIER.—H.M.S. "Glorious," leaves Devonport Dockyard, for her trials. The "Glorious" has lately been converted from a cruiser to an aircraft carrier. The "Glorious" steaming out to sea.—(Sport and General).



A NEW WALTZ.—Mr. Santos Casani and Miss Jose Lennard, the well-known exponents of ball room dancing, demonstrate the "Skaters' Waltz" in the Pathe Studio, London.—(Sport and General).



HOLLYWOOD ROMANCE.—Now that Nita Athier and Victor Dumas have announced their engagement, Hollywood real estate agents are busily buying them with houses for sale.



FANCY DRESS BALL.—Hudson's F.C. Officers' Club, at 123, Rd. Massena, Shanghai, was the scene of a successful fancy dress party, which was attended by a large number of members and their friends.—(Photo by Ah Fong).



SALES FOR INDIA.—Mr. S. S. Chellaram, managing proprietor of Messrs. D. Chellaram & Co., who is leaving the Colony for a holiday in India on the s.s. President Jackson.



The WOMAN'S Page



Stylish Headgear



Petals of ashes of roses velvet are adopted for this close-fitting hat. A softly looped bow is attached to one side.

Close-Fitting Hat Favoured



The close-fitting hat of velvet and grosgrain ribbon that is worn by this film star answers the purpose of forming a frame for her face and fits snugly under the luxurious fitch collar of a velvet wrap.

Lenglen Love Song



The romance of Baldwin M. Baldwin and Suzanne Lenglen, tennis star, has blossomed again in Paris. The one-time greatest woman tennis player is acting as director of the sports section of a leading Paris couturier.

Assorted Colours Make Perfect Costume



Beige and wine red have been combined for the costume and accessories chosen. These accessories consist of a bonnet style of hat with stitchings in tan, tan kid gloves and a string of the red and black beads strung in a black-eyed Susan pattern.

RULING THE WAVES

That unwaved hair is thought "odd" these days does not mean that frequent and expensive visits to the hairdresser are essential. Many waving and setting equipments are now sold to be used at home. There are clips which can be pinned to the hair after washing. These are very simple to use, but are best on naturally or permanently wavy hair. Then, an extended slide consists of a number of combs with teeth at the back, the combs being attached one to the other, so that they are put in position after the hair has been washed, and then pressed together.

Smart Fur Felt



This stylish new Model is made in stitched velvet and fur felt in beige and plunger combination.—By Reeslaw, London.

HOME-PAINTED FURNITURE

It seems quite the vogue these days to buy whitewood furniture and paint it yourself. Those who insist on a little furniture of exceptionally good shape find they can judge more clearly the shape of the furniture before it is coloured or varnished. Very often, the painting looks more skillful than it really is, especially on the new kitchen fittings which are more or less straight in line, and though first experiments in cheerful colours may pall, they can be easily renewed.

RUSH TO ALTAR

"Like Buying A New Hat"

Hasty marriages were condemned in a sermon "to young folk about to marry," which the Rev. Father John Caulfield delivered at the Roman Catholic Church of St. Luke, Pinner, Middlesex, on February 19. He said:

Young girls to-day are rushing into marriage as though it were but the purchasing of a new hat. Young men seem to regard it as lightly as if it were the selection of another suit. There are three reasons for these marriages—sensuality, money, and position. They all end in misery.

There are these hasty weddings light-hearted couples. The honeymoon. Then the brightness fades. A few cross words. A big row. Then either separation or continued unhappiness.

I see on all sides the tragedies, the ghastly tragedies, which are the result of haste. To the outside world couples may seem happy and contented, but I, who have been a priest for twenty-eight years, have seen the terrible misery and unhappiness that lies behind. Men come home and their hearts fall when they think of what awaits them—a nagging wife. Can you blame them if they go out and spend and enjoy?

Women of these marriages grow extravagant. "He goes out and spends; why shouldn't I?" they ask. The children are brought up to their example.

BARBOLA WORK

Women who are interested in barbola work, now find that when they have completed the decoration on the stem of a lamp, they can have the parchment shade painted with the same design. It is a pretty idea, and suggests itself for a series of gifts.

For instance, when giving presents to a favourite relative, you could follow the lamp and shade with an attractive mirror, and there are blotters, pen trays and powder bowls all adorned by sprays or barbola flowers.

PIQUE TORTOISESHELL

Lady Ada Boyd is one of those who decided to go off to still warmer weather in the West Indies. She left behind her in London a fine collection of pique tortoiseshell, an interest that she shares with the Queen.

Tortoiseshell is "pique" when it is softened in boiling water, and then designs in gold and silver are worked in it, which stand out finely when the tortoiseshell hardens again.

This is an art of the seventeenth and eighteenth centuries, and consequently one of the best places for "fads" of pique tortoiseshell is Brighton.

It was at an old curiosity shop in Brighton that the Queen, attended by Lady Ada Boyd, discovered a really lovely box, which is now in her Majesty's private collection at the Palace.

WHAT GLOVES DEMAND

The new wrist-length gloves for evening wear demand white, well-tended, and beautifully shaped arms. Courses of massage and exercises to improve the shape are given daily in a Dover-street beauty salon, and clients are taught how to perform the special movements at home.

"Gooseflesh and thin, discoloured elbows are the two commonest defects which women ask me to treat," said the beauty expert at this salon. "Gooseflesh is caused partly by poor circulation, but more frequently by hard skin. The use of pore lotion for washing and the application of cream at night to soften the hard skin is advised. In the morning the arms should be rubbed with a special stone, which is first dipped in water. After a few weeks of this treatment the trouble should disappear. Thin elbows should be rubbed with a fattening cream at night

Society Matron's Dress



The dress of a modern Society matron, simplicity being the keynote in the ensemble.

and a wrinkle oil used in the daytime. The whitening lotion with which the arms are made up at night should be applied with particular care to the elbows if they are at all discoloured."

FASHIONS UPSET

A thoroughly Victorian alliance is responsible for one of the smartest of the early models of hats. Buntal-straw in an acid-yellow shade has a deep brim of lemon-green, with its softening grey shadings—in taffeta, stitched and of uneven proportions, so that one side can be "dragged" down to shade the face beneath. With this model is a chenille and silken scarf with straw embroidery of the two colours. This is a good model to wear with one of the new youthful and fantastic capes of cloth or silk.

A curious point about the modern millinery modes is that traditions are mostly upset. Unlined pliable shapes, made up in two or more costly silks, possess an effortless air about them, so that they can be worn with a tailored tweed or a little blouse-frock.

Similar shapes in linen and crepe-de-Chine accompany sports and tennis frocks. Some are of the old cloche shape, but the difference lies in the uneven and often wider brim. The cloche in felt provides the most excellent mode for travel.

MILLINERY AND THE COLLAR

It is interesting to observe how acquiescent women can become to the mode when it is a matter of headgear; and yet there is no item in the wardrobe where they should give more consideration to their own personality. These last months have witnessed quite good-looking women made positively plain by their, or their milliner's, selection.

The dresses and coats of to-day are mostly flattering to wear, whilst the average hat is frankly unbecoming. Models, from even the leading specialists, have not helped matters.

The difficulties experienced with collars and hats are still great, for these enormously high enveloping mountains of fur necessitate the foreshortening of the generality of draped and blocked shapes. Line has to be sacrificed to the new collar, and the violent reduction at the back is too sudden to allow of good proportions. The deeply cut fronts and fantastic sideways "blants" are never too becoming. Still, hats in general are assuming more reasonable shapes, and the great artists are combating difficulties by making every shape on the head to suit the variety of collars.

WOMAN'S THOUGHTS

Is It Vanity Or Public Spirit?

Mary Macleod Moore writes in the London Telegraph:

For ages much attention to the decoration of one's body or one's face has been regarded as evidence of vanity or at least as savouring of that weakness. Many are the words of advice and of reproof which have been addressed to the matrons and maids, more especially the latter, who have done their best to add to such attractions as the Almighty gave them.

There is no denying that many have kept in their wilful way without regard to the grave faces of the prophets and the advisers, but the more sensitive have experienced a feeling of guilt about the adornment and the beautifying, which has tempered their pleasure in their own looks.

Even in these days when people are supposed to do much as they like without regard to old rules and restrictions, one feels that some apology is needed for spending much money on improving one's appearance. The dressmaker, the milliner, and the beauty-parlour seem to require some explanation, particularly when one cannot boast of spending much money in improving one's mind and adding to one's store of knowledge.

But let us turn the tables on our critics and advisers and proclaim that we are acting from public spirit when we add a touch to our faces and spend guineas on a hat. Why not? Whatever makes the world more beautiful, whatever rests and provides a feast for the eyes, whatever makes the passer-by feel more cheerful and hopeful, whether a garden, a new building, or a new frock, should win the gratitude of the public.

Really pretty women whose clothes are harmonious and suitable are a joy to watch. Making the best of themselves they add to the charm of London or of anywhere else they may happen to be, and raise the spirits of all who see them. As we have no right to assume that because their faces and their clothes are pretty, their minds are empty, we can enjoy and admire freely.

There is no special virtue in a hideous hat and a complexion that frankly confirms the proud statement of the owner that she never uses even powder. To make the best of oneself is a public duty.

FOR CIGARETTE SMOKERS

It is difficult to keep up with all the novelties which are sold for the storing of cigarettes, but a new device, which is certainly very intriguing, is to have the cigarettes in a nickel "egg." It works this way. There is a knob on top, and as you pull up half the "egg," the cigarettes appear all round the sides, with a space between each so that they are ready to hand round. The top is pushed down and the cigarettes disappear.

It is a clever arrangement, and has come from Paris, but it is rather expensive.

Novel Head Gear



This shows one of the latest hats with extreme long back shaped into the neck.—By Reeslaw, London.

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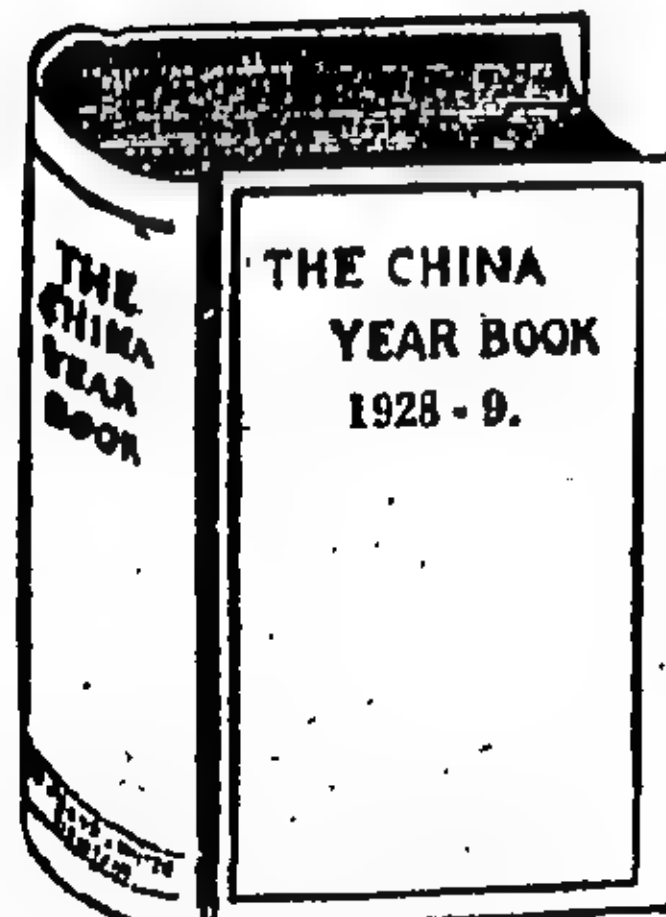
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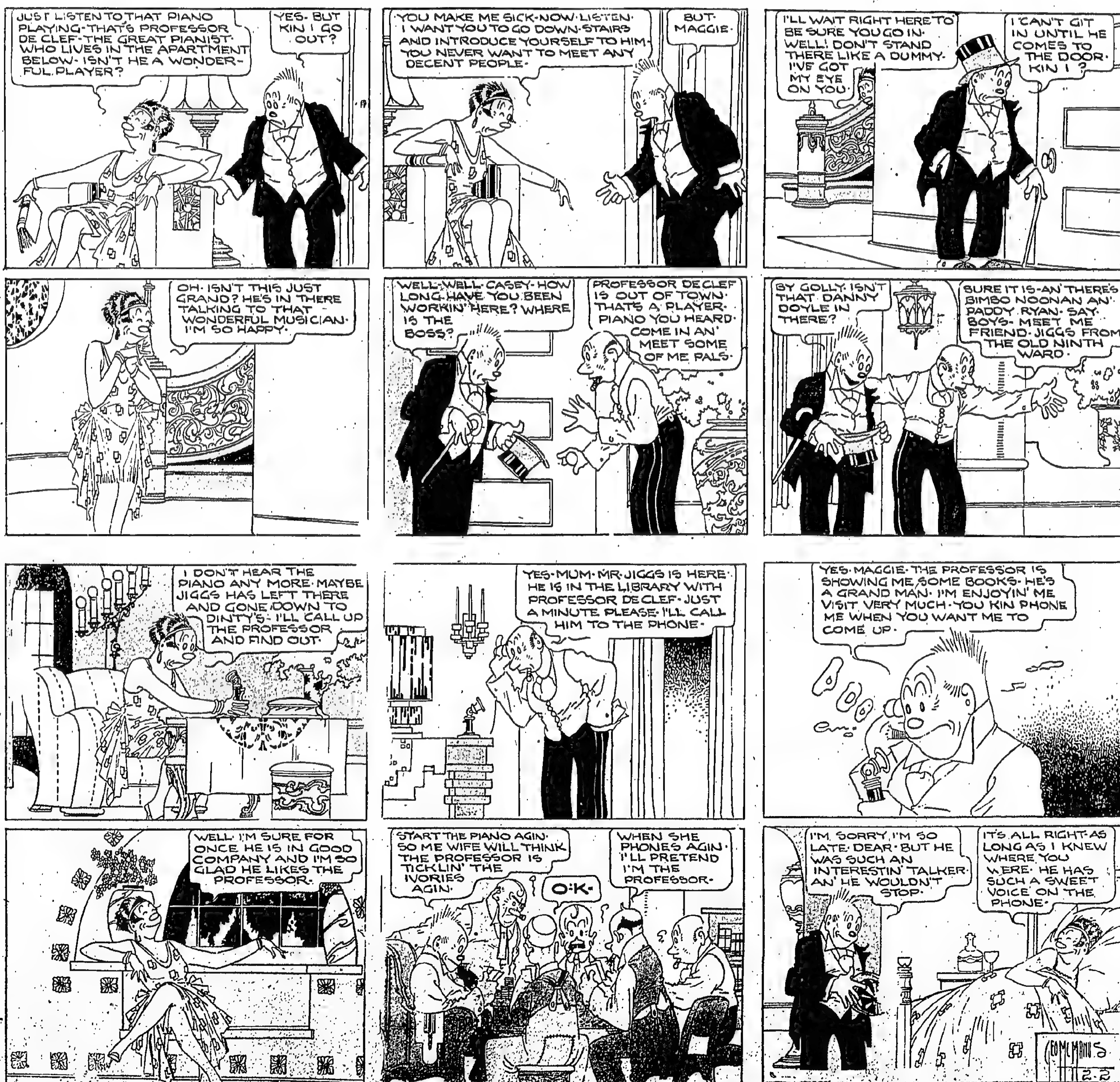
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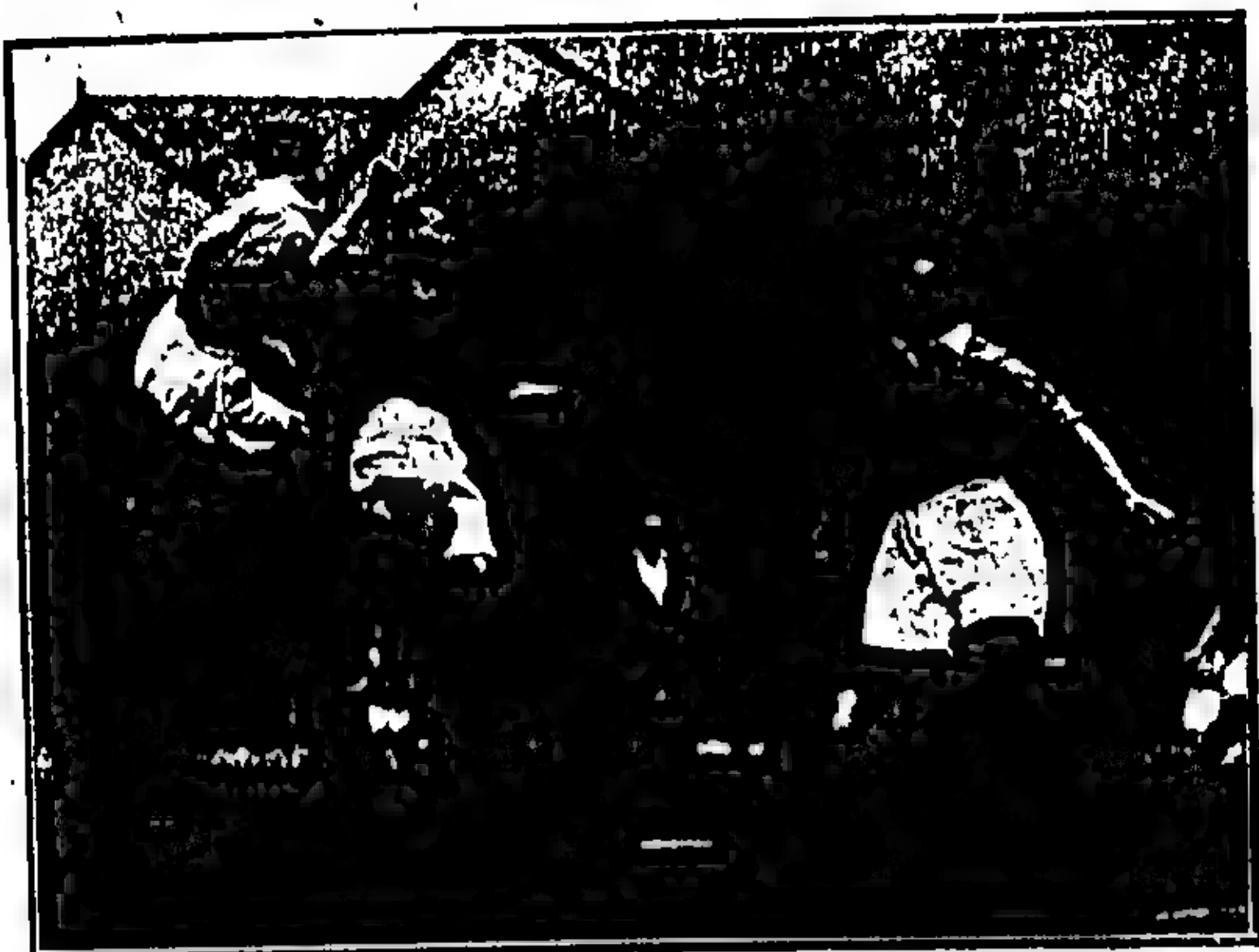
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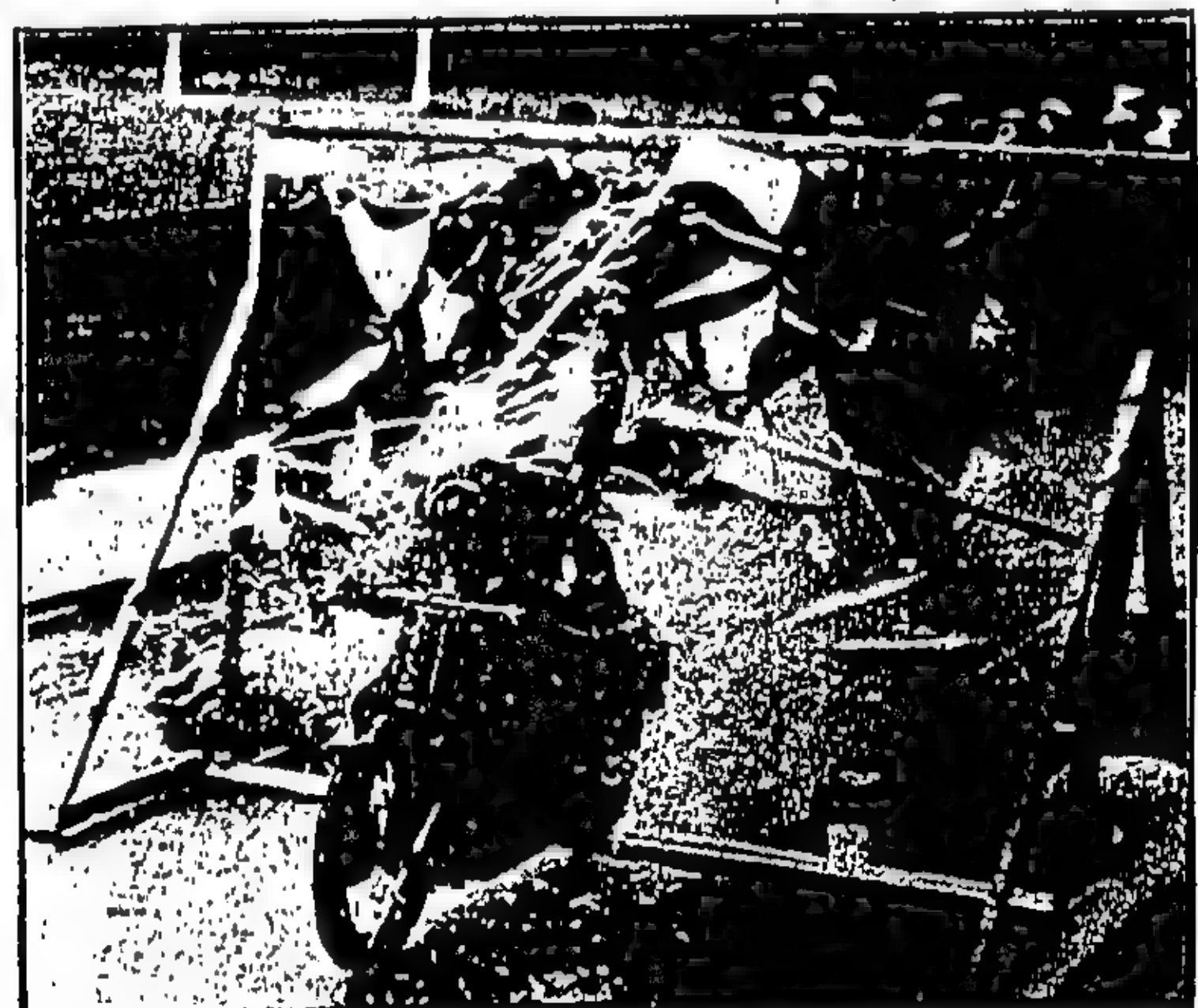
THE CUP-TIE SPIRIT.—The Cup-tie match at Highbury, London, between Arsenal and Birmingham drew the large crowd of over 43,000. The game ended in a draw, two goals each, Birmingham being two goals down at the interval. David Jack (Arsenal inside right) centre, seen jumping for the ball, but he is well looked after by two Birmingham backs.—(Sport and General).



DAYS THAT ARE GONE.—Visitors to London are always greatly interested in certain types of individuals who characterise life in the Metropolis as well as being objects of long standing attraction. The four-wheeled horse carriage which is almost extinct, as very few ply the London streets nowadays.—(Sport and General).



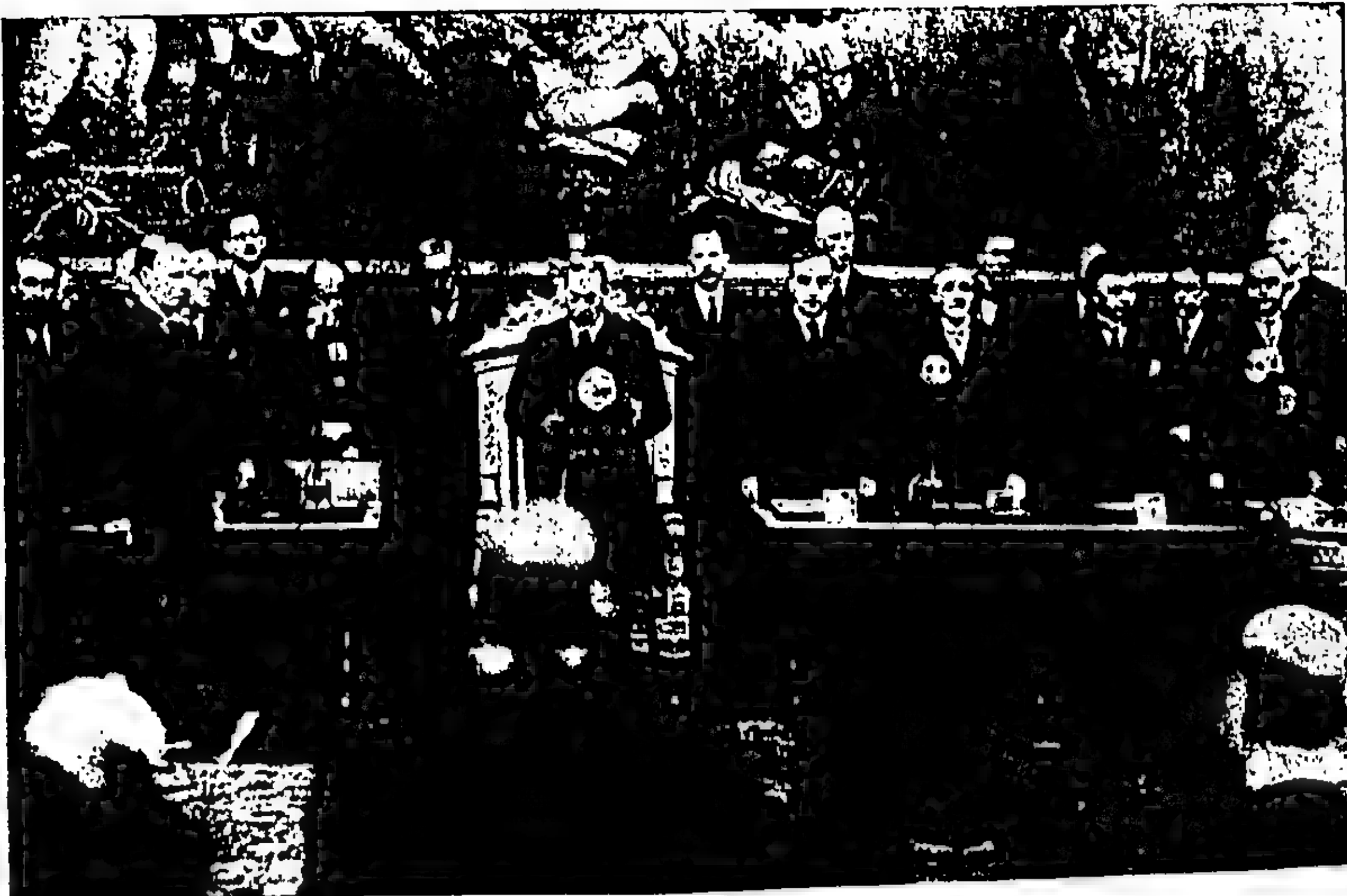
THREE SKATING "GRACES."—Left to right:—Miss Elsie Derksen, Miss Ellen Brockhoff and Miss Hilda Ruckert, three well-known exponents of the graceful art of skating, in a pretty pose during the skating exhibition at the Ice Stadium, St. Moritz.—(Sport and General).



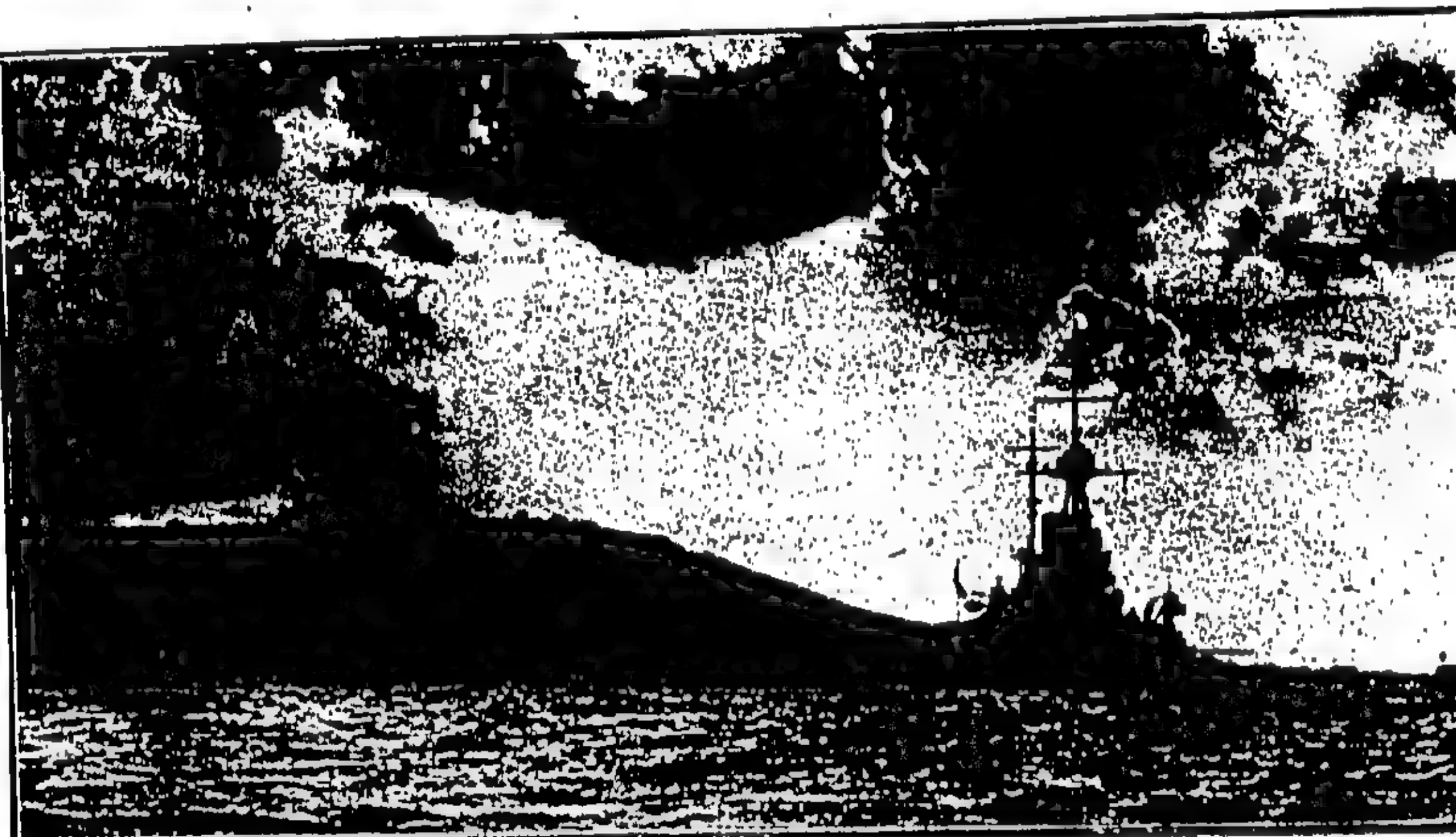
WINDOW SMASHING FOR TALKIE.—A queer way of earning a living. Harry Lorraine, of motor cycle fame, for the benefit of Messrs. Pathe, who are making a talkie film, crashed through a large sheet of plate glass at their Teddington Studio, London. Fortunately the deed was accomplished without a scratch.—(Sport and General).



TWO-ENGINE AEROPLANE.—Lord Thomson, (the Secretary of State for Air) and Mr. E. Montagu, (Under Secretary for Air), visited Eton Air Park, Wokingham, to inspect and take a flight in a new biplane aeroplane with independent engines, to be used for army work. The plane is also fitted with a photographic studio. The plane in flight.—(Sport and General).



THE KING'S SPEECH.—H.M. King George opens great Navy Conference. With impressive splendour, from a golden Throne in the Golden Gallery of the House of Lords, London, H.M. King George opened the great Five-Power Naval Disarmament Conference, his speech being broadcast all over the world. This speech was His Majesty's first since his serious illness commenced fifteen months ago. H.M. the King reading his opening speech into the golden microphone to be broadcast all over the world.—(Sport and General).



OUR STATELY NAVY.—The Atlantic fleet leaves Portland for the Spring cruise. The stately battleships H.M.S. Nelson and H.M.S. Rodney are seen steaming along under the shelter of Portland.—(Sport and General).



ROYAL WEDDING.—Scenes at the wedding festivities in Rome of Prince Umberto, Crown Prince of Italy, and Princess Marie Jose of Belgium. The Royal Bride and Bridegroom photographed in the Vatican.—(Sport and General).



NAVAL CONFERENCE.—The Japanese delegates to the Five-Power Naval Disarmament Conference are seen in conference with the Premier at No. 10, Downing Street, London. Left to right:—Admiral Takarabe, Mr. Kajiro Wakatsuki (ex-Premier), the Chief Delegate, Rt. Hon. Ramsay MacDonald (the Premier), Mr. Tameo Matsudaira (the Japanese Ambassador in London) and Mr. Hironaka Saito.—(Sport and General).



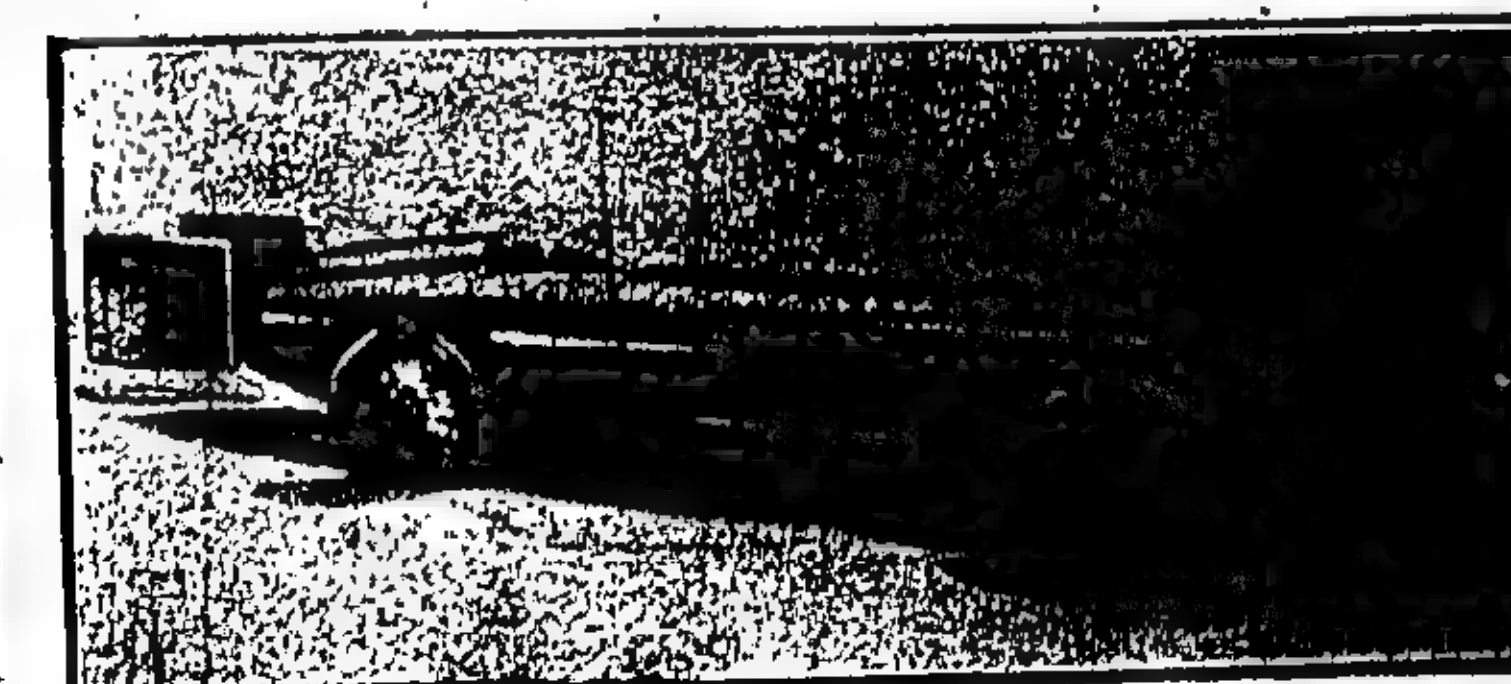
BUST OF FAMOUS SPIRITUALIST.—Mr. J. Davidson, the well-known sculptor, is seen at work on his bust of Sir Arthur Conan Doyle, the famous spiritualist, with Sir Arthur posing.—(Sport and General).



A PRELIMINARY TALK.—The delegations of the Five Powers—Britain, America, France, Italy and Japan—taking part in the Naval Disarmament Conference gathered under one roof, for the first time since their arrival in London. While the delegates were assembled at No. 10, Downing Street a talkie film was made. Mr. Ramsay MacDonald greeting Col. H. L. Stimson (U.S.A.). M. Tardieu (France) may be seen at left, smiling.—(Sport and General).



KABUL'S CAPTOR IN LONDON.—General Shah Wali Khan, brother of King Nadir of Afghanistan, has arrived in London to take up his appointment as Afghan Minister in London. Left to right: Aga Zalzalur Khan (Councillor), General Shah Khan (seated) and Aga Ghulam Umar Khan (Premier Secretary) at Afghan Legation, London, January 11.—(Sport and General).



KAYE DON'S SPEED CAR.—The Sunbeam car designed by Mr. Louis Coatalen and now being built for Mr. Kaye Don's attempt on the world's speed record set up by Sir Henry Segrave.—(Sport and General).



RIDERLESS HORSE.—Mr. J. Bayle's "Lacot", finishes the course after throwing his jockey, Grimes, two fences from home, in the Kempton Park Handicap Hurdle Race.—(Sport and General).

MORE TAXATION MEASURES

DISCLOSURES BY CHINESE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

TOBACCO INTO CANTON

That the Canton Government has hit upon another means of taxation was disclosed at the monthly meeting of the Chinese General Chamber of Commerce yesterday.

In the course of the business coming up for discussion, a letter from the Colonial Secretary of Hong Kong was read. The letter stated that the Canton Chinese Commissioner for Foreign Affairs has informed the British Consul-General at Shanghai to the effect that in future the number of cigars and cigarettes which a person may take into Canton will be limited to 20 in the case of cigarettes. The cigars or cigarettes must be contained in an open box. The above decision has been reached by the Kwangtung General Tobacco Tax Bureau. It is to be noted that formerly the lowest unit for taxation of this commodity was 5,000.

The Canton authorities also announce that cigarettes above 50 in number will come under the heading of 5,000 for taxation purposes, while to take into Canton more than 20 cigars a person will be taxed under the heading of 25 cigars.

Chater Scholarship

That the allotment to Matriculation students of the Sir Paul Chater Memorial Scholarship has been declined was the subject contained in another letter from the Hong Kong General Chamber of Commerce.

The letter stated that Mr. Wong Shiu-ming is the most successful student. He was offered the Sir Paul Chater Scholarship, but his father had written to say that his son did not want to avail himself of the Sir Paul Chater Memorial Scholarship on the ground that there was every possibility of his son getting a better one.

Mr. Chan Heung-nak informed the meeting that he had made due enquiries by approaching the second and third candidates on the list, but on each occasion he was informed by parents of the students that their sons would decline the Scholarship for the same reason that the boys had possibilities of getting a better Scholarship.

ROUND THE CINEMAS

Public Respect for Courts

"THE BELLAMY TRIAL"

"Motion pictures, through faithful portrayal of courtroom scenes and functioning can do much toward furthering public respect for our institutions of law and preserving the traditions of American jurisprudence."

This was the statement of Professor Douglas B. Maggs of the law department of the University of Southern California after watching the filming of the scenes for "The Bellamy Trial" now at the Queen's Theatre as a Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer feature. Prof. Maggs was invited by Monta Bell, the director, to inspect the huge courtroom set and to observe the action of the dramatic sequences after giving advice upon some of the legal points involved in the filmation of the murder mystery story from the pen of Frances Noyes Hart.

Leatrice Joy plays the leading role in the feature, heading a large cast of notables which includes George Barrard, Kenneth Thompson, Margaret Livingston and Betty Bronson.

"Masquerade"

Parts of three songs are used in "Masquerade," the Fox Movietone all talking picture which will open at the Queen's Theatre to-morrow, to interpret the moods of principal players during the progress of the comedy drama.

Alan Birmingham reveals what the gay young man-about-town sings about in his bath, when he's in love, by gaily carolling "The Church Bells are Ringing for Mary."

Clyde Cook, who plays the role of a comedy valet, warbles "Rolls of My Dreams" as he prepares to keep a swell date with his best girl, but quickly switches to "Mean to Me," when his employer refuses to let him keep the engagement.

Frank Richardson sings an original song written especially for "Masquerade" by Con Conrad, Sidney D. Mitchell and Archie Grotter. The Roy Fox Montmartre orchestra, in the same cafe sequence, also plays several song hits from the Fox Movietone Follies of 1929.

"DANDY COONS"

Successful Show at the D.G.S.

The Dandy Coons, a popular troupe of local artists under Mrs. G. W. E. Briggs, provided an entertaining evening in the hall of the Diocesan Girls' School, Kowloon, when a large audience fully appreciated the snappy songs and humorous sketches.

At the show, Miss H. D. Sawyer (head mistress) and Miss M. D. Sawyer (head mistress) of the school, presided over the Dandy Coons, their heartiest thanks for the entertainment and the money raised for the school fund.

REV. F. C. YOUNG

Very Impressive Funeral Service

UNIVERSAL TRIBUTES

Proof, if such were needed, of the high esteem in which the Rev. F. C. Young was held in the Colony, was manifested at Happy Valley yesterday afternoon when a large concourse attended the funeral at the Protestant Cemetery, where an impressive service was held at the graveside prior to the interment.

Those who followed the cortege to Happy Valley included members of the Union Church body and congregation, many of the local clergy, representatives of all sections of the local community, and officers of the King's Own Scottish Borderers. The pipes and drums of the K.O.S.B. met the hearse at the Monument and headed the procession to the cemetery, playing suitable slow music.

Members of the Church Committee walked immediately behind the hearse, Mrs. Young, who was accompanied by Mr. J. L. McPherson, Chairman of the Union Church Committee, and her sister Miss Clare, arrived before the cortege and waited at the graveside.

The coffin was borne from the cemetery gate to the grave by the following members of the K.O.S.B., R.M.S. Parkinson, Bandmaster Fitz-Earle, and Sergeants Gilliland, Kennedy, Jordan, Reeves, Glynn and Potts.

The Rev. F. Short conducted the impressive service at the graveside where were also the Bishop of Victoria, the Rev. J. H. Johnston (Union Church, Kowloon), who took part in the service, and the Very Rev. A. Swann, the Rev. H. V. Koop, the Rev. C. B. Shann, the Rev. W. H. Hewitt and the Rev. E. A. Armstrong.

After the coffin had been lowered into the grave, the pipes played "Flowers of the Forest," and the buglers sounded the "Last Post" and "Reveille."

The Attendance His Excellency the Officer Administering the Government was represented by his A.D.C., Major H. B. L. Dowbiggin, Captain D. R. M. Cameron represented His Excellency the General Officer Commanding the Troops in China, Commodore R. A. S. Hill was accompanied by his Secretary, Com. R. D. Burney, and Staff Officers.

Major R. H. Crane, D.S.O. (commanding the K.O.S.B.), Major C. C. Lake, D.S.O. and other Officers of the 2nd Battn. King's Own Scottish Borderers were also present. There were also present the following members of the Committee Union Church: Messrs. J. Mitchell, C. Hickling, J. Wattie, A. Calvert, P. D. Wilson, A. Ritchie, A. T. Hamilton, N. Currie, W. D. Bell, Dr. E. W. Kirk, Messrs. H. J. Lamb (Hon. Treasurer) and M. F. Key (Hon. Secretary).

Others present were: Mr. A. H. Ferguson, Mr. R. M. Dyer, Mr. G. K. Hall Brutton, Mr. T. Bolt, Mr. J. W. C. Bonner, Rev. E. A. Armstrong, Mr. A. Anderson, Mr. A. W. Van Andel, Mr. R. B. Bell, Mr. W. Bell, Lt. Col. Hayley Bell, Lieut. Christian, Inspector J. Clarke, Mr. J. B. Chapman, Mr. D. Davis, Mr. Jas. T. Dobbie, Mr. C. Hoare, Mr. H. K. Holmes, Mr. E. R. Dovey, Inspector J. Dick, Mr. W. Elliott, Mr. A. W. Eastman, Mr. John Fleming, Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Fraser, Mr. J. H. Gelling, Chief Inspector P. Grant, Mr. David Gow, Mr. J. H. Hunt, Mr. F. M. Hodgson, Mr. A. W. Ingram, Mr. G. E. Longyear, Mr. J. Laing, Mr. W. Macfarlane, Mr. G. Macleod, Mr. K. S. Morrison, Mrs. Mackenzie, Mr. J. Mitchell, Mr. A. Nicol, Mr. A. R. H. Phillips, Mr. W. L. Pattenden, Rev. W. W. Rogers, Dr. S. S. Strahan, Mr. G. W. Sellars, Mrs. J. Sloan, Mr. T. S. Whyte-Smith, Mr. H. G. Williams, Mr. D. G. Warren.

Floral Tributes Wreaths were sent as follows: "With deepest sympathy and heartfelt regret" from the Officer Administering the Government and Mrs. Southern, from H. E. the General Officer Commanding, from "Peter" from "Father and Mother," from "Mamma," from "Yvonne" and "Hilary," from "Elizabeth," "Eric and Mac."

The Committee, the congregation, the teachers and scholars of the Sunday School, and the Young People's Society of Union Church, Hong Kong; from Union Church, Kowloon, the Council and Congregation of St. Andrew's Church, Kowloon, Friends at the London Mission, the Warden and Members of Morrison Hall, the Hop Yai Church, "from Three Fellows who are grateful for the inspiration of the past and are sure that his work cannot die." "In token of sincere regard and with deep sympathy" from "the little congregation" from "the little congregation" from "the little congregation."

The Staff Officers H.Q. China Command, the Staff and Scholars of the Garrison School, the Officers of the 2nd Battn. The King's Own

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Messrs. Johnson, Stokes and Master; and the China Mail. Wreaths were also sent by the following: Mr. and Mrs. A. Anderson, Mr. and Mrs. A. W. Van Andel, Mr. W. D. Bell, Bertie Bell, W. Bell, Jun., Dr. and Mrs. G. D. R. Black, Captain H. F. Bloxham, Mr. and Mrs. C. B. Brown, Dr. and Mrs. C. H. Burton, Mr. and Mrs. A. Calvert, Col. and Mrs. W. F. Christian, Hon. Mr. H. T. Creasy, Mrs. Creasy, Mr. and Mrs. Currie, Mr. and Mrs. D. Davies, Mr. and Mrs. L. Deans, Mr. E. R. Dovey, Major H. B. L. Dowbiggin, Mr. and Mrs. Dransfield and family, Mr. and Mrs. N. Drummond, Mr. and Mrs. R. K. Duncan, Mr. and Mrs. R. M. Dyer, Inspector Dick.

Mr. and Mrs. W. Elliott, Mr. A. W. Eastman and family, Mr. and Mrs. J. Ferguson, the Misses Ferguson, Mr. and Mrs. John Fleming, Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Franks, Mr. and Mrs. A. D. Fraser, Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Fraser, Eve Finlay, Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Gelling, Mr. and Mrs. G. Gerrard, Mr. and Mrs. L. S. Greenhill, Mr. and Mrs. P. Gillespie, Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Goetz, Mr. and Mrs. G. F. Grimbly, Mr. and Mrs. D. G. Gow, Mrs. Harvey, Rev. G. H. Hewitt and Mrs. Hewitt, Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Hamilton, Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Hunt, Lt. Col. F. Hayley Bell, and Misses Hayley Bell, Mr. R. V. Harris, the Hon. Commander G. F. Hole, R.N., and Mrs. Hole, Mr. and Mrs. A. W. Ingram, Mr. and Mrs. H. U. Ireland, Rev. J. H. Johnston and Mrs. Johnston, Dr. and Mrs. E. W. Kirk, Mr. M. F. Key, Mr. and Mrs. E. P. H. Lang and family, Mr. H. J. Lamb, Rev. J. Kirk Macdonald and Mrs. Macdonald, Inspector McWalter, Mr. W. W. Mackenzie, Mr. E. D. Maughan, Mr. S. S. Marr, Mr. and Mrs. D. McNeillie and Nancy, Mr. and Mrs. G. McLeod, Mr. and Mrs. K. S. Morrison, Mr. and Mrs. E. D. Morrison, Mr. J. L. Macpherson, Mr. and Mrs. W. J. E. Mackenzie, Mr. and Mrs. C. L. Mackiehan, Mrs. Mackenzie, Mr. and Mrs. J. Finlay Millar, Dr. and Mrs. W. D. A. Moore, Mr. and Mrs. J. Mitchell, Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Nicol, Mr. and Mrs. E. Newhouse, Hon. Sir Henry Pollock and Lady Pollock, Mr. and Mrs. T. E. Pearce, Mr. W. L. Pattenden, Mr. and Mrs. Alexander B. Pures, Mr. and Mrs. A. R. Phillips, T. J. Price, Mr. and Mrs. Peoples, Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Reeves, Dr. and Mrs. Lindsay T. Ride, Mr. and Mrs. A. Ritchie, Rev. and Mrs. W. Walton Rogers, Mr. and Mrs. A. R. Russell, Mr. A. Risch, Mr. and Mrs. Hampden Ross, Rev. and Mrs. Frank Short, Dr. and Mrs. Seguin Strahan, Mr. and Mrs. G. H. Stewart, Mr. and Mrs. T. Swan, Mr. and Mrs. R. Sanger, Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Smith, Mr. and Mrs. George Sellars, Mr. and Mrs. D. L. Strellett, Mr. and Mrs. F. D. Tracy, Mr. and Mrs. A. K. Taylor and family, Mr. and Mrs. E. C. Tregillus, Capt. and Mrs. C. F. Thompson, Mr. and Mrs. J. Ward, Dr. and Mrs. Arthur W. Woo, Mr. and Mrs. B. Wyllie, Mr. and Mrs. T. S. Whyte-Smith, Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Whyte and Jenny, Mr. M. Wallace, Mr. and Mrs. P. Douglas Wilson, Mr. and Mrs. R. Wallace, Mr. and Mrs. G. Wallace, Mr. H. G. Williams, Mr. and Mrs. D. F. Warren, Mr. and Mrs. H. Wilson, Dr. and Mrs. T. W. Ware, Dr. and Mrs. A. R. Wellington, Mrs. C. R. Wilson, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Young.

A Memorial Service will be conducted by the Rev. Frank Short at Union Church, Kennedy Road, at 11 o'clock on Sunday.

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SHADOWS BEFORE

COMING EVENTS ANNOUNCED IN CHINA MAIL

Social Functions To-day—Tea Dance at Hong Kong Hotel, 4.30 p.m.

To-day—Tea Dance at Peninsula Hotel, 5 p.m.

To-day—Dinner Dances at Hong Kong Hotel and Peninsula Hotel, 8.30 p.m.

To-day—Dinner Dance at Repulse Bay Hotel, 8.30 p.m.

March 7—S.P.C.A. Ball, Peninsula Hotel, 8 p.m.

March 8—Old Bedfordian Dinner, Hong Kong Club 8 p.m.

Entertainments To-day—Queen's Theatre, "Bellamy Trial."

To-day—Star Theatre, "Where East is East."

To-day—World Theatre, "Wild Orchids" at 5.15 and 9.20 p.m., "Westward Ho" (Chinese picture) at 2.30 and 7.15 p.m.

To-day—Majestic Theatre, "Wings."

February 24—Recital by Malle, Odette Darthys, Theatre Royal, 9.15 p.m.

February 28—English Singers' concert at City Hall, 9.15 p.m.

See Special Sports Diary on page 13.

Home Mail To-day—Outward for Europe via Siberia (Sochov), 8.30 p.m.

To-morrow—Inward from Europe via Negapatam (Sui Sang).

Meetings February 22—Kowloon Residents Association St. Andrew's Church Hall, 6 p.m.

March 3—Benevolent Society, annual meeting, Cheer O Canteen, 11.15 a.m.

March 10—Union Waterboat Co., meeting of shareholders, Dodwell & Co's office, 11 a.m.

March 12—Hong Kong Electric Co., shareholders' meeting, 11 a.m.

March 19—Green Island Cement Co., shareholders' meeting, noon.

Miscellaneous To-morrow—Trial trip of s.s. Venezia, Douglas Wharf, 2.30 p.m.

February 27—Lecture, "Some Remarkable Inventions," by Professor C. A. Middleton Smith, Room "K," University.

March 5—Distribution of prizes by H.E. the Officer Administering the Government at King's College.

March 6—Annual Show of Flowers and Vegetables, City Hall.

March 11—Volunteers' full dress practice parade, Murray Parade Ground, 5.30 p.m.

March 13—Volunteers' annual inspection, Murray parade ground, 5.25 p.m.

The projected construction by Spain of battleships exceeding 25,000 tons, armed with 16-inch guns, introduced a factor of surprise into the Naval Conference.

MORE POPULAR HITS

from THE TALKIES.

"The Show Boat"

21996) The Lonesome Road ... Shikret-Victor Orchestra.

"Hallelujah"

22073) Waiting at the end of the Road ... All Star Trio.

"Gold Diggers of Broadway"

22027) Painting the Clouds with Sunshine ... Goldkette's Orch.

"Sunny Side Up"

22124) Sunny Side Up ... Hamp's Serenaders.

"Broadway Melody"

21964) The Wedding of the Painted Doll ... Charles King.

"Hollywood Revue of 1929"

22022) Your Mother and Mine ... Johnny Marvin.

"Singin' in the Rain"

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Feb. 23, Sexagesima Sunday.
Holy Communion, 8 a.m.
Holy Communion (Peak Church),
8 a.m.
Children's Service, 10 a.m.
Sunday School at Peak School,
10 a.m.
Matins and Sermon, 11 a.m.
Preacher: Rev. W. T. Feather-
stone, headmaster of Diocesan
Boys' School.
Evensong, 6 p.m.
Preacher: The Dean.

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The First Church of Christ, Scien-
tist, in Boston, Mass., U.S.A.]
Macdonnell Road, below Bowen
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Sunday Service, February 23,
1930, at 11.15 a.m.
Subject: "Mind."
The Sunday School is held on
Sunday mornings at 10 o'clock.
Wednesday Evening Meeting at
5.30 o'clock.
Reading Room at above address,
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The Public is cordially invited
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London has been honoured lately
by a visit from Mrs. Keppel, in
former days one of the brilliant
members of the Edwardian Court.
All the treasures of her well-known
house in Grosvenor Street, includ-
ing the magnificent brocade screen
given to her by the Dowager
Empress of China, are now at the
Villa "Bell" in Omberley, near
Florence, where she now lives.

NEW GENERATION OF
LONDONERSSTRIKING INCREASE OF BOYS'
PHYSIQUE

BETTER BEHAVED

The London elementary schoolboy
of to-day is half an inch taller and
three-quarters of a pound heavier
than the boy of 20 years ago. He
is also better fed, better clad, and
better behaved. The children in the
secondary schools compare very
favourably with anything that the
most expensive public schools have
to show.

This gratifying improvement is
recorded in the report of the special
services of the London County Coun-
cil Education Department, compiled
by its doctors and officers, and re-
cently published.

"The change in the little London-
er," states the report, "is indeed
evident to those who have been
accustomed to meet him, and such
observers hardly need the confirma-
tion of statistics." After the pass-
ing of the Provision of Meals Act,
in 1906, the medical officer found
that 10.5 per cent. of the children
attending school in poor districts
were suffering from malnutrition.
To-day the percentage has dropped
to 1.5 per cent.

Poor But Cheerful
"We find," said a school doctor
recently, "that often the children
who are badly nourished are the
children of the very respectable
type; but the income goes in keep-
ing up respectability. The parents
of these children will never ask for
help."

A comparison of a number of
photographs of children 20 or 30
years ago with those of to-day
shows the child of those
days looked much older for his
age than the child of to-day. The
older clothing fashions compare un-
favourably with those of the present
day, and the insufficiency and un-
suitability of the footwear is very
marked.

Professor F. G. Parsons found
that, even in the poorest districts,
the children grew on the whole
cheerful and fairly healthy, and that
a wonderful understanding existed
between them and their teachers,
who, as a class, were far above the
pedagogues under whom he set as a
boy.

Sewn Up for Winter
There are officers in the London
County Council service, the care of

member, in the early days of
medical inspection, "when children
were actually found sewn into their
clothes for the winter." Prejudice
against medical inspection on the
part of parents no longer disturbs
school routine, and in 1927 there
were only 150 refusals out of a
quarter of a million of children
examined.

A striking testimony to the value
of the school medical and nursing
service is afforded, the report states,
in the improvement in the personal
hygiene of school children during
the last 15 years. The school
medical service, it is claimed, has
become the greatest factor in re-
ducing infectious disease, which, in
the past, has decimated the popu-
lation of a great town. "For the first
time in history the child of the
great town is becoming physically,
no less than mentally, the equal, if
not indeed the superior, of the
country-bred child."

Valuable help is being afforded by
the Children's Play Centres Com-
mittee, founded by the late Mrs.
Humphrey Ward, in meeting the
danger from street accidents to
children.

Decrease in Juvenile Crime
The report indicates clearly the
decrease in juvenile crime. Truancy
has fallen off as the methods of
instruction have become more en-
lightened. Welfare clinics and other
agencies working for better physical
conditions have all contributed to
an improvement, which is still
noticeably gathering momentum.

Two of the industrial schools
maintained by the County Council
are for boys, respectively at Port-
salade, near Brighton, and at May-
ford, in Surrey, and one for girls
at Glsburne House, near Watford.
Uniforms had been abolished at
these institutions, a larger measure
of trust was shown in the boys and
girls, and there was no prison or
punitive atmosphere.

"Mrs. will be glad if the sec-
retary will send her a prospectus of
the college," wrote a Watford resi-
dent, to the Glsburne House Indus-
trial School. "Impressed, no doubt,
by the dress and good bearing of
the girls she had seen on their walks
in the neighbourhood," comments
the report, "the writer had formed
a justifiably high opinion of the
standards and character of the
school."

A Court of Appeal heard the
opening argument in the case to
determine the position of Civil
Sergeants in the matter of super-
annuation provisions.

ANNUAL RACE
MEETING

(Continued from Page 1.)

Bowling but he will have to im-
prove to win. I prefer
BABY FACE

The Foochow Cup
Sitting Bull has won both the
Derby and Champions, besides
other big races, and he appears
to have an easy mark here.

Adam comes from the Jardine
stable and is very fit. He is a
long distance animal, who is also
very fast.

President Hall can go the dis-
tance in good time and, provid-
ing he is not rushed in the first
part of the race, he may get a
place here.

Carnival Eve has a reputation
in Shanghai and can go the dis-
tance, he is a good outside bet.
My note however goes to
*** SITTING BULL

The China Stakes
Apollo is a certainty for this
event.

Boxing Eve is a crack of the
local course, but I believe he will
be beaten by the first named.

King's Courier will have a good
chance of filling third place if
started here, as he is one of the
best ponies in training.

Young Pretender is fast over a
short distance and will have a
very good chance of getting a
place here. I nap

*** APOLLO
for the best thing at to-day's
meeting.

Hopeful Stakes
Wisdom Stag looks handy here
and if the race is a fast one he
looks a certainty.

The Tiger has done nothing to
speak about in training, till he is
a big strong animal whose dis-
tance is about a mile.

African Eve is in one of the
best stables to follow and if he is
sent to the post here he has a
great chance.

Marquis Hall is a sprinter and
would be better off in a short
race.

Four Clubs should get a place
if he is properly tuned up.
It may be a close thing but

WISDOM STAG
is my pick.

The Tientsin Stakes
The Pheasant does not seem to
be in the best condition, so I will
allow him to pass.

The Jamaica is going very well
and I would not be surprised to
see him come home.

Skinfaxi is able to do the dis-
tance and should therefore run
well.

Noukhail may go to the post but
I do not fancy his chances in the
field.
Armony can go over a long dis-
tance if the pace is slow, if fast
he is out of it.

My best pick for this event is
THE APE
who should win.

Selections at a Glance

1st Race:
1. Piccy.
2. The Jungle Book.
3. Hong Kong Beau.
2nd Race:
1. Winsome Stag.
2. Young Pretender.
3. Chesapeake Bay.

3rd Race:
1. King's Bounty.
2. Baron Hall.
3. Witty Stag.

4th Race:
1. Baby Face.
2. Tonbridge.
3. Shanghai Beau.

5th Race:
1. Sitting Bull.
2. Adam.
3. President Hall.

6th Race:
1. Apollo.
2. Boxing Eve.
3. King's Courier.

7th Race:
1. Wisdom Stag.
2. The Tiger.
3. African Eve.

8th Race:
1. The Ape.
2. The Jamaica.
3. The Pheasant.

Woman And The Mirror.

When a woman looks at her re-
flection in the glass and sees a
pleasing, clear-complexioned face,
she feels at peace with the world.
But when a sorrow, plump, melan-
choly visage confronts her, she
picks herself for its unsightliness.

Such unhappiness could be spar-
ed many women by the occasional
use of Pinkettes, for usually these
beautifiers to beauty indicate only
need of just the aid Pinkettes
give. As a corrective of consti-
pency, defective liver action, slug-
gish digestion, ill-smelling breath,
facial blemishes due to irregular-
ity of the daily habit, there is no-
thing better than these dainty
little laxatives. Your chemist
sells Pinkettes, price 60 cents per
bottle.

Have You Heard?

"My plate is damp," complained
a traveller, who was dining in an
Aberdeen hotel.

"Hush," whispered his wife,
"that's your soup."

Vegetarian (after being chased
by bull): That's your gratitude,
is it, you great brute? After this
I'll eat beef three times a day!

Customer: I must say, waiter,
this is the first time I've ever had
a really tender steak here.
Waiter (aghast): Good gracious
I must have given you the pro-
prietor's portion.

Pat's job was to guard the en-
trance to a road which led to an old
and unsafe bridge. Seeing a large
car approach, he put up his hand.
"What's the matter?" demanded
the landlord.

"It's all right," said Pat. "My
orders are to see that no traffic goes
through because of the danger, but
seeing it's yourself, go ahead."

Johnny: I tramped about twenty-
five miles a day when I was on my
vacation.

Hughy: Yes, I know all about
that. I bought a second-hand car,
too.

Young wife: I cook, cook, and
cook for you, and what do I get for
it? Nothing.
Husband: You're lucky. I get
indigestion.

A group of workmen was dis-
cussing the evolution and origin of
man. One of the party remained
silent, and a companion turned to
him and demanded his opinion.

"I'm not going to say," he re-
plied doggedly. "I remember
Henry Green and me threshed that
out once before, and it's settled as
far as I am concerned."

"But what conclusion did you
come to?"
"Well," he said, slowly, "we
didn't arrive at the same conclusion.
Henry arrived at the hospital and
I arrived at the police station."

A man who, after a long day's
tramp after game, was returning
empty-handed, walked into a shop
and bought two rabbits.

"There, my dear," he said, when
he reached home. "You see, I
didn't do so badly, after all."
His wife picked up the rabbits
and sniffed. "I'm awfully glad
you shot them to-day, Jack," she re-
marked. "To-morrow it would
have been too late."

An old woman was knocked down
by a car, and to console her the
hospital surgeon said soothingly:
"Now there's nothing to worry
about. In fact, you ought to be
able to get a considerable amount
of damages."

"Damages," snorted the old wo-
man. "I've got plenty of damages!
What I want is repairs."

EXCHANGES

TO-DAY'S QUOTATIONS

On London—

Bank, wire 1/8 3/4
Bank, on demand 1/8 3/4
Bank, 30 days' sight
Bank, 4 months' sight 1/8 3/4
Credits, 4 months' sight 1/7 3/4
Documentary, 4 months' sight 1/7 3/4

On Paris—

On demand 94 1/2
Credits, 4 months' sight 101 1/2

On Berlin—

On demand 367 1/2
Credits, 60 days' sight 38 1/2

On Bombay—

Wire 101 1/4
On demand 101 1/4

On Calcutta—

Wire 101 1/4
On demand 101 1/4

On Singapore—

On demand 65 1/4

On Manila—

On demand 74

On Shanghai—

On demand 78 1/2
30 days' sight (private paper) 78 1/2

On Yokohama—

On demand 74 1/2
Gold Leaf, 100 fine (per ton) 125 1/2

On Hong Kong—

On demand 101 1/4
Wire 101 1/4

On Canton—

On demand 101 1/4
Wire 101 1/4

On Amoy—

On demand 101 1/4
Wire 101 1/4

On Swatow—

On demand 101 1/4
Wire 101 1/4

On Hong Kong—

On demand 101 1/4
Wire 101 1/4

HONG KONG STOCK EXCHANGE.

Opening Daily Official Quotations 22nd February, 1930.

STOCK	Buy-ers	Sell-ers	Sales	Non.	Min. year ended	DIVIDEND	PAID
Banks.							
Hong Kong Bank	...	...	(1400/3)	...	Dec.	Final 2 1/2 a/c 1929 Interim 7 1/2 a/c 1929	Pending
Chartered Bank	...	...	...	...	Dec.	Final 10 a/c 1929 Interim 7 1/2 a/c 1929	Sept. 12, 29
Mercantile Bk., Ltd.	...	...	...	...	Dec.	Final 10 a/c 1929 Interim 7 1/2 a/c 1929	Oct. 1, 29
Bank of Asia	102	...	...	...	Dec.	Final 10 a/c 1929 Interim 7 1/2 a/c 1929	Pending
Insurance.							
Canton Ins.	745	...	...	...	Dec.	Final 2 1/2 a/c 1929 Interim 2 1/2 a/c 1929	May 23, 29
Union Ins.	...	380	380	...	Dec.	Final 2 1/2 a/c 1929 Interim 2 1/2 a/c 1929	May 24, 29
China Underwriters	...	170	...	...	Dec.	Final 2 1/2 a/c 1929 Interim 2 1/2 a/c 1929	...
China Fire Ins.	140	...	...	...	Dec.	Final 2 1/2 a/c 1929 Interim 2 1/2 a/c 1929	May 24, 29
H. K. Fire Ins.	380	...	...	...	Dec.	Final 2 1/2 a/c 1929 Interim 2 1/2 a/c 1929	Mar. 26, 29
Shipping.							
Douglases	...	25 1/2	...	...	Dec.	Last dividend for 1929	...
H. K. Steamships	...	...	15 1/2	...	Dec.	Final 2 1/2 a/c 1929 Interim 2 1/2 a/c 1929	Pending
Indo-China (Pref.)	...	...	13	...	Dec.	Final 2 1/2 a/c 1929 Interim 2 1/2 a/c 1929	June 19, 29
Shell Transports	...	...	39 1/2	...	Dec.	Final 2 1/2 a/c 1929 Interim 2 1/2 a/c 1929	Jan. 6, 30
Union Waterboats	25 1/2	...	...	...	Dec.	Final 2 1/2 a/c 1929 Interim 2 1/2 a/c 1929	Pending
Mining.							
Benguet	5 1/2	...	...	...	Dec.	Interim 20 centavos a/c 1929	Dec. 1, 29
Kailan Mining Ad.	...	...	50 1/2	...	June	Final 2 1/2 a/c 1929 Interim 2 1/2 a/c 1929	Dec. 17, 29
Langkat (Comb.)	...	...	18 1/2	...	Dec.	Final 2 1/2 a/c 1929 Interim 2 1/2 a/c 1929	...
Sh'hai Exploration	...	...	1 1/2	...	Dec.	Final 2 1/2 a/c 1929 Interim 2 1/2 a/c 1929	...
Loans	...	...	5	...	Dec.	Final 2 1/2 a/c 1929 Interim 2 1/2 a/c 1929	...
Raubs	14 1/2	...	...	...	Mar.	Final 2 1/2 a/c 1929 Interim 2 1/2 a/c 1929	Dec. 12, 29
Tromoh Mines	...	21 1/2	...	...	Dec.	Final 2 1/2 a/c 1929 Interim 2 1/2 a/c 1929	Sept. 30, 29
Docks, Wharves, Godowns, &c.							
H. K. & S. Wharves	...	...	155	...	Dec.	Final 2 1/2 a/c 1929 Interim 2 1/2 a/c 1929	Pending
H. K. & W. Docks	...	...	...	...	Dec.	Final 2 1/2 a/c 1929 Interim 2 1/2 a/c 1929	...
China Dock	32	5 1/2	...	...	Dec.	Final 2 1/2 a/c 1929 Interim 2 1/2 a/c 1929	...
Hongkong	106	...	...	...	Dec.	Final 2 1/2 a/c 1929 Interim 2 1/2 a/c 1929	Sept. 12, 29
N. Engineering	7 1/2	...	...	...	Dec.	Final 2 1/2 a/c 1929 Interim 2 1/2 a/c 1929	Pending
Shanghai Docks	...	...	120	...	Apr.	Final 2 1/2 a/c 1929 Interim 2 1/2 a/c 1929	July 27, 29
Cotton Mills.							
Ewo Cottons	...	16 1/2	...	...	Dec.	Final 2 1/2 a/c 1929 Interim 2 1/2 a/c 1929	Pending
S'hai Cotton (old)	33	...	...	...	Dec.	Final 2 1/2 a/c 1929 Interim 2 1/2 a/c 1929	Nov. 26, 29
S'hai Cotton (new)	...	...	52	...	Dec.	Final 2 1/2 a/c 1929 Interim 2 1/2 a/c 1929	Oct. 11, 29
Zong Sing	...	...	10	...	June	Final 2 1/2 a/c 1929 Interim 2 1/2 a/c 1929	...
Lands, Hotels & Buildings.							
H. K. & S. Hotels	12 1/2	...	12 1/2	...	Dec.	Final 2 1/2 a/c 1929 Interim 2 1/2 a/c 1929	...
H. K. Lands	...	35	65 1/2	...	Dec.	Final 2 1/2 a/c 1929 Interim 2 1/2 a/c 1929	Feb. 12, 30
Shanghai Lands	...	215	...	...	Dec.	Final 2 1/2 a/c 1929 Interim 2 1/2 a/c 1929	July 31, 29
Humphreys	14	...	...	...	Dec.	Final 2 1/2 a/c 1929 Interim 2 1/2 a/c 1929	Feb. 8, 29
H. K. Realities	...	8 1/2	...	...	Dec.	Final 2 1/2 a/c 1929 Interim 2 1/2 a/c 1929	Aug. 12, 29
Chinese Estates	...	95	...	...	Feb.	Final 2 1/2 a/c 1929 Interim 2 1/2 a/c 1929	June 5, 29
Public Utilities.							
H. K. Tramways	10 1/2	...	10 1/2	...	Dec.	Final 2 1/2 a/c 1929 Interim 2 1/2 a/c 1929	Pending
Peak Tram (old)	...	...	11 1/2	...	Apr.	Final 2 1/2 a/c 1929 Interim 2 1/2 a/c 1929	June 7, 29
Peak Tram (new)	...	...	6 1/2	...	Apr.	Final 2 1/2 a/c 1929 Interim 2 1/2 a/c 1929	Feb. 14, 30
Star Ferry	...	...	38 1/2	...	Dec.	Final 2 1/2 a/c 1929 Interim 2 1/2 a/c 1929	Dec. 28, 29
China Light	...	10 1/2	...	...	Sept.	Final 2 1/2 a/c 1929 Interim 2 1/2 a/c 1929	Pending
H. K. Electric	30 1/2	...	70 1/2	...	Dec.	Final 2 1/2 a/c 1929 Interim 2 1/2 a/c 1929	...
Macao	...	33	...	...	Dec.	Final 2 1/2 a/c 1929 Interim 2 1/2 a/c 1929	...
Sandakan Lights	...	...	...	...	June	Final 2 1/2 a/c 1929 Interim 2 1/2 a/c 1929	...
H. K. Telephones	...	...	...	...	Dec.	Final 2 1/2 a/c 1929 Interim 2 1/2 a/c 1929	Sept. 18, 29
China Buses	17 1/2	...	...	...	Dec.	Final 2 1/2 a/c 1929 Interim 2 1/2 a/c 1929	Feb. 21, 30
S'pore Tractors (Ord.)	...	10 1/2	...	...	Dec.	Final 2 1/2 a/c 1929 Interim 2 1/2 a/c 1929	Feb. 6, 29
S'pore Tractors (Pref.)	10 1/2	...	...	...	Dec.	Final 2 1/2 a/c 1929 Interim 2 1/2 a/c 1929	...
Industrials.							
China Sugars	75 c.	...	...	...	...	In Liquidation.	...
Malayan Sugars	...	...	27	...	Dec.	Final 2 1/2 a/c 1929 Interim 2 1/2 a/c 1929	April 11, 29
Cald. Macg. Ord.	...	...	10	...	Dec.	Final 2 1/2 a/c 1929 Interim 2 1/2 a/c 1929	...
Cald. Pref.	...	...	10	...	Dec.	Final 2 1/2 a/c 1929 Interim 2 1/2 a/c 1929	...
Canton Ice	...	...	2 1/2	...	July	Final 2 1/2 a/c 1929 Interim 2 1/2 a/c 1929	...
Cements (comb.)	14 1/2	...	...	...	Dec.	Final 2 1/2 a/c 1929 Interim 2 1/2 a/c 1929	...
Cements (old)	...	11	...	...	Dec.	Final 2 1/2 a/c 1929 Interim 2 1/2 a/c 1929	Pending
Cements (new)	...	...	...	...	Dec.	Final 2 1/2 a/c 1929 Interim 2 1/2 a/c 1929	...
H. K. Ropes	...	7 1/2	...	...	Dec.	Final 2 1/2 a/c 1929 Interim 2 1/2 a/c 1929	...
United Asbestos	...	...	...	...	...	Final 2 1/2 a/c 1929 Interim 2 1/2 a/c 1929	...
Stores, &c.							
Dairy Farms	...	...	22 1/2	...	Dec.	Final 2 1/2 a/c 1929 Interim 2 1/2 a/c 1929	Pending
Watsons	...	...	12 1/2	...	Oct.	Final 2 1/2 a/c 1929 Interim 2 1/2 a/c 1929	Mar. 23, 29
Der A Wings	30 c.	...	...	...	...	Final 2 1/2 a/c 1929 Interim 2 1/2 a/c 1929	...
Lane Crawfords	...	...	3	...	Feb.	Final 2 1/2 a/c 1929 Interim 2 1/2 a/c 1929	...
Mackintoshes	16	...	...	...	Feb.	Final 2 1/2 a/c 1929 Interim 2 1/2 a/c 1929	April 11, 29
Sincares	...	...	12	...	...	Final 2 1/2 a/c 1929 Interim 2 1/2 a/c 1929	...
Wm. Powells	...	...	2 1/2	...	Feb.	Final 2 1/2 a/c 1929 Interim 2 1/2 a/c 1929	June 10, 29
Miscellaneous.							
H. K. Amusement Pref.	25	...	...	...	Mar.	Final 2 1/2 a/c 1929 Interim 2 1/2 a/c 1929	July 6, 29
H. K. Construction	...	...	130	...	Dec.	Final 2 1/2 a/c 1929 Interim 2 1/2 a/c 1929	...
B. Ind. O. Bonds	80%	...	...	...	...	Final 2 1/2 a/c 1929 Interim 2 1/2 a/c 1929	...
H. K. Govt. Loans	5 1/2	...	...	...	...	Final 2 1/2 a/c 1929 Interim 2 1/2 a/c 1929	...

Sport Columns

FOOTBALL

Discussion on Penalty Ruling

At a meeting of the Council of the Hong Kong Football Association yesterday, at which Mr. R. Hall presided, correspondence was read which had passed between the Hon. Secretary (Mr. W. E. Hollands), and the Chinese Athletic Secretary as to why the Senior Shield replay with the Somersets last Wednesday was not carried out.

The Chinese Athletic wrote that they were unable to raise a team in mid-week, owing to calls of business on their players. They suggested that the game be replayed on a Saturday, falling which the Athletic offered to forfeit the game.

In the discussion which followed, the Chairman pointed out that the fixture list for Saturdays was already full. Mr. Duncan said that it was undesirable to create a precedent by granting a postponement. It had been the invariable rule for replays to be decided in mid-week. He moved that the offer to forfeit the game be accepted.

The Council, decided to accept the offer.

Semi-Finals Draw

The meeting, at which, besides the Chairman, there were present Lieut. W. R. George, Comdr. J. D. H. Byron, Messrs. G. T. May, J. Ormiston, F. Smith, H. K. Lee, R. K. Duncan, and Eastman, and the Hon. Secretary, then made the draw for the semi-finals of the Shield competitions, which resulted as follows:—

Senior: South China v. Navy on H.K.F.C. ground; Somersets v. Kowloon, at Caroline Hill. Junior: Chinese "B" v. Navy, on H.K.F.C. ground; Somersets v. Kowloon, at Caroline Hill. The games will be played on Saturday, March 8, senior games to commence at 4.30 p.m., and junior games at 2.30 p.m.

Penalty Ruling

A ruling was sought from the Association on the interpretation of Law 17, dealing with penalty kicks. The point arose in a Senior Shield game last week between the Club and the Navy. The latter were awarded a penalty kick, and as the kick was being taken the Club goalkeeper is said to have moved about, instead of standing still, as the new law lays down. The referee, who had already blown his whistle for the kick to be taken, blew a second time when he observed the goalkeeper's infringement. The kick scored, but was ordered to be re-taken (when incidentally it was again converted).

Comdr. Byron contended that the second whistle was wrong, and pointed out that it would be possible to have eleven infringements under such a ruling. He quoted a decision of Mr. Arnold Josephs, the famous Home referee, stating that "if the ball enters the goal under the bar and between the posts it shall not be nullified by any infringement by the defending side. If the kick fails, a re-kick can be ordered." Mr. Duncan supported this view.

After some discussion, it was decided to circularise the Home referee's decision to the local referees' Association.

In the course of the discussion, Mr. Duncan suggested that referees in local football were too prone to grant penalty kicks for handling offences, when in many cases the handling appeared to be purely accidental.

Chairman Resigns

Mr. R. Hall, who is leaving the Colony shortly, tendered his resignation as Chairman. Mr. J. Ormiston was unanimously elected to succeed him. Mr. Ormiston moved a vote of thanks to Mr. Hall for his services as Chairman, to which Mr. Hall suitably replied.

The suspension sine die of Pta. Lavender, R.A.M.C., which was imposed last year, was lifted by general consent.

RUGBY FOOTBALL

Navy Too Good for the Army

[By Scrum Half]

The Navy 13 points; The Army 0 points.

Playing last evening on the Club ground the Navy defeated the Army by two goals and a try to nil. This victory places them on a level with the Hong Kong Football Club for the Triangular Tournament honours. A final match will be played, the date of which will be announced later.

'An Early Lead

The Navy kicked off before a small attendance and made good ground, Wright, the centre three-quarter being conspicuous in a round of passing. The Army forwards, however, relieved. In the scrum the Navy were superior and were heeling the ball everytime. The Army attacked fiercely, but an extra hard kick ruined any chances of scoring. Play hovered about mid field for a while, until Evans received the ball and cut through to score a spectacular try close to the posts. Suther converted, thus giving the Navy an early lead of five points. The Army three quarters were entirely to blame, as they did not go for their men but for the ball, consequently a pass that should have been given was kept and a try ensued.

The Lead Increased

The Navy were soon back on the Army line, but feet up in the scrum relieved what might have been a dangerous situation. A Navy mark, however, gained ground and the line was again in danger. The Navy pack were playing up well both in the tight and the loose. An Army forward rush took the ball into the Navy half where a Navy forward was penalised for offside play. Maxwell tried a place kick for goal but was unsuccessful. Instead of allowing the ball to go over the dead line, Evans kicked a fine touch. Suther was playing well and made some nice kicks to touch. One of these took the ball to touch only a few yards from the line. From a scrum the Navy heeled, but the blind side action was stopped. Another scrum gave the Navy forwards another opportunity to heel and Surtees broke through to score a good try. Suther failed to kick a goal from a difficult angle.

Whistle Lost!

In one little rush, the referee was hustled around and consequently lost his whistle. This caused great merriment from the Supporters of both sides.

The Navy could always be counted upon relieving their line by good touch kicking. This was one of the features of a keen game. The Army made a good effort to pierce the Navy back division, but were held up by good tackling. Once it seemed that they must get over, but the back pluckily fell on the ball and stayed on it. Maxwell, taking the kick, was not successful. The Navy throughout the game were responsible for the offence of feet up in the scrums. From one of these free kicks, Bascombe got in a nice kick, to put the Army in a strong position. The ball was not heeled cleanly and the Navy wing forwards were conspicuous.

Half time:—

Navy 8 points; Army nil.

Second Half

The Army seemed determined to carry everything before them in this half. They had the best of the play, until Surtees stopped a forward rush and had a nice dribble on his own. The ball, unfortunately for the Navy, was touched down before he could reach it. The Navy were still getting the ball back from the scrums, and so the three-quarters had numerous opportunities. An Army mark was charged down and ground gained, but the Army forwards relived in great style.

This half was full of attacks and counter-attacks, the Navy always appearing the more dangerous. In one of these attacks the forwards heeled to give Fenton a good chance to cut through. Suther made no mistake with the kick. This ended the scoring, the Navy winning by 13 points to nil.

Navy Supreme

On the run of the play, the Army were lucky to get off lightly. In all departments except full back were the Navy supreme. Surtees and Evans were the pick of the Navy backs. Bascombe, of the Army, played his usual steady game.

All the Navy forwards played well and combined very well together. On their form yesterday the Navy should experience no difficulty in defeating the Club. The teams lined up as follows:—

Navy. — Pay Lt. West, Lt. Smallwood, Lt. Evans, Mr. Wright, Lt. Wood; Lt. Fenton, Lt. Cdr. Surtees; Lt. Cdr. Havers, Lt. Cdr. Andrew, Lt. Lefroy, Mr. Suther, Lt. Bailey, C.P.O. Suttil, Ldg. Sma. Padden, and Ldg. Sma. Bickell.

Army. — Pta. Bascombe; L/Cpl. Champion, Lt. Evans, Lt. Maxwell, Sgt. Marshall; Major Philby, Lt. Tregear, Captain Swayne, Lt. Burton, Lt. MacFarlen, Lt. Riddulph, Sgt. Richardson, and Sgt. Bruno, Pta. Mogz, Pte. Bristowe.

TENNIS

Keen Games in the "Doubles"

Ng Sze-kwong and Ng Sze-cheung disposed of Li Wal-tsoi and Li Woon-tsoi in the H.K.C.C. open doubles yesterday, but did not have matters all their own, having to fight hard for all three sets. The Li brothers were particularly good with their overhead work, more especially in the third set, and this, coupled with some rather patchy play by the Ng combination, kept the result in doubt almost to the end.

Both Ng Sze-kwong and his partner made some excellent placing shots, and won the match by superior courtcraft. Ng Sze-cheung was inclined to be erratic with his driving, and Ng Sze-kwong played some weak backhand shots. They were slightly superior throughout, however, and good value for their win.

M. W. Lo was not seriously troubled in disposing of A. H. Johnson, who was not strong on his backhand, as Lo soon discovered.

Results

Yesterday's complete results were:— Open Championship Singles (First Round).— F. H. Kwok beat Y. J. Khan, 6-2, 3-6, 6-0, 6-2.

Second Round.— M. W. Lo beat A. H. Johnson, 6-0, 6-2, 6-4; Cheng Chi-wing beat Y. Hachuma, 6-2, 6-3, 6-3.

Open Championship Doubles (Second Round).— Ng Sze-kwong and Ng Sze-cheung beat Li Wal-tsoi and Li Woon-tsoi, 6-4, 7-5, 9-7.

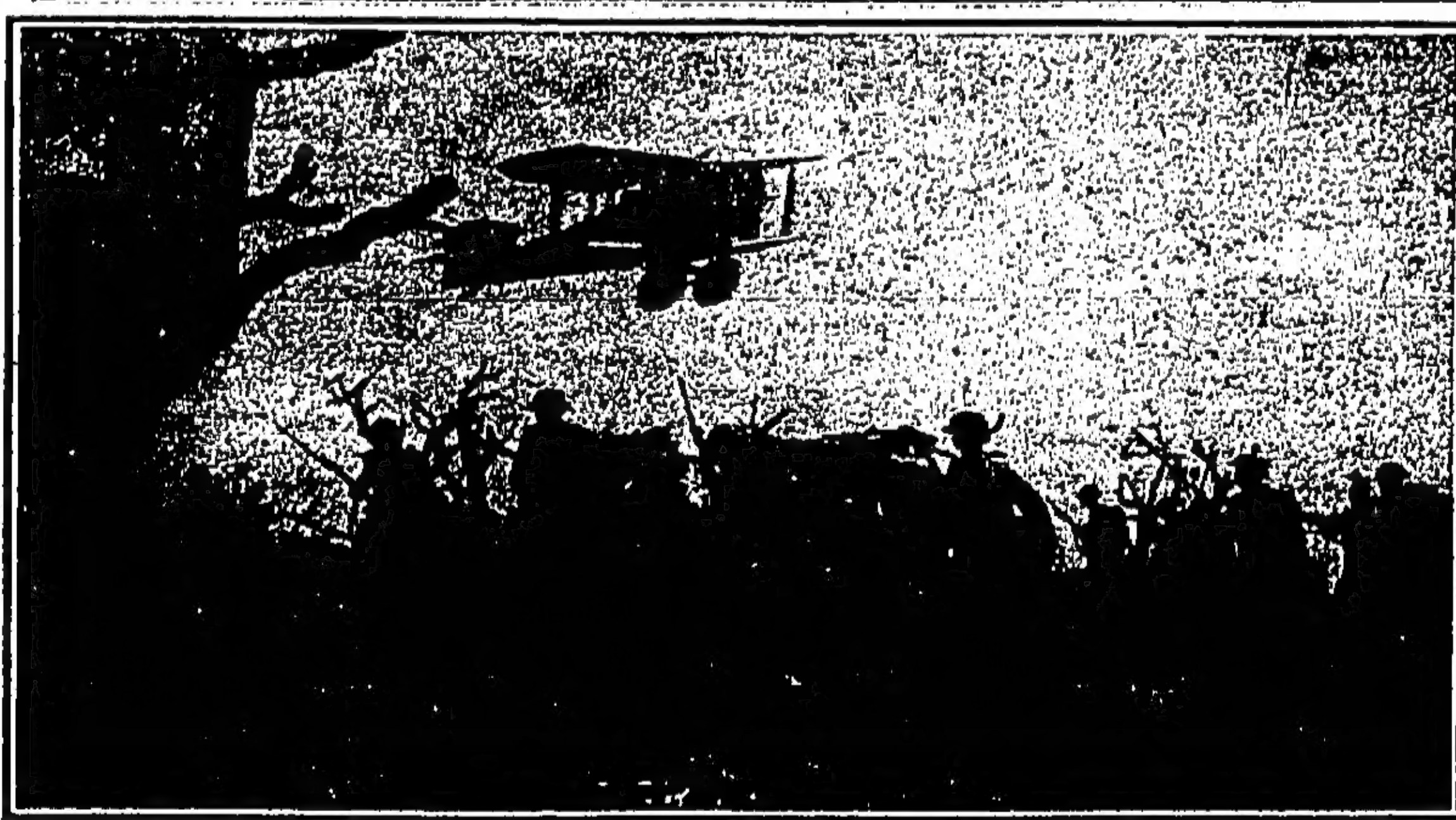
Club Championship (First Round).— H. Owen-Hughes beat G. H. W. Churchill, 6-1, 10-8.

Handicap Singles "B" (Second Round).— H. Graves (rec. 4/6) beat A. G. G. Macdonald (ows 5/8), 6-2, 6-0; G. E. R. Divett (ows 1/8) beat R. M. Wood (scr.), 6-0, 6-1.

Handicap Doubles (First Round).— A. F. Judd and M. G. Mills (rec. 15) beat C. W. Willson and C. H. Bradley (scr.), 6-4, 3-6, 6-3.

BASKETBALL

The following have been selected to represent the K.B.S.F.P.A. in their basketball match versus the Chinese Y.M.C.A. (Hong Kong) at the Y.M.C.A. at 8 o'clock to-night: M. Well (Captain), Hirst, Whitley, Wittchell, and Angus. Reserves, Brennan, and King.



Scene from "Wings," the great Paramount war aviation spectacle which will have its final showing to-day at the Majestic Theatre, Kowloon.

Our Sports Diary

LOCAL

Tennis — Tournament at H.K.C.C. daily except Sundays.

Hockey — To-day — Hong Kong Ladies v. Club de Recreio.

To-morrow — Recreio v. K.B.S.F.P.A., 10.30 a.m.

Thursday — Hockey Club v. Punjab Regiment, Marina ground, 5 p.m.

Cricket — To-day — Division I, Hong Kong C.C. v. Army (L); University v. Kowloon C.C. (L); Division II, Kowloon C.C. v. University (L); Craigengower v. R.E. and R.S. (L); Recreio v. Hong Kong C.C. (F); Civil Service v. Indian R.C. (F).

Sunday — University v. Mr. A. T. Lee's XI, 2.30 p.m.

Monday — Volunteers v. Combined League, H.K.C.C. ground, 1 p.m.

Tuesday — Volunteers v. K.C.C., K.C.C. ground, 1 p.m.

Wednesday — Volunteers v. United Services, H.K.C.C. ground, 1 p.m.

Football — To-day — Division I (4.15 p.m.): Navy v. Athletic, Caroline Hill Ground.

Club v. R.A., Club Ground, Happy Valley.

Police v. Kowloon, Stadium, North Point.

K.O.S.B. v. South China, Military Ground, Sookumpoo.

Somersets v. St. Joseph's, Chatham Road (or Kowloon F.C. Ground).

Division II (2.45 p.m.) Eastern v. Chinese Athletic "A", St. Joseph's Ground, Happy Valley.

University v. St. Joseph's, Chinese Ground, Happy Valley.

Navy v. S. China "B", Navy Ground, Happy Valley.

R.A.M.C. v. Club, Military Ground, Sookumpoo.

S. China "A" v. Ewo or K.O.S.B., Caroline Hill Ground.

Somersets v. Chinese Athletic "B", King's Park, Kowloon.

March 8 — Shield ties semi-finals.

Fanling — Hunt — Sunday — Drag Hounds Meet, Kwant Course, 4.30 p.m.

Golf — To-day — Bogey Pool, Fanling.

Racing — Hong Kong Jockey Club — February 22, 24, 25, 26 and March 1, First Day, 2 p.m.; other days, noon.

Rifle Shooting — April 20 and 21 — Volunteers' annual rifle meeting, Stonecutters.

HOME

Football — To-day — Scotland v. Ireland.

March 1 — English Cup (sixth round); Scottish Cup (fourth round).

Rugby Football — To-day — England v. France, Twickenham; Scotland v. Ireland, Edinburgh.

Billiards — February 21 to March 29 — Amateur Championship, London.

HOCKEY

Teams for Forthcoming Matches

The following will represent the first team of the Hong Kong Hockey Club in their match with the 3/15th Punjab Regiment on the Marina Ground at 5 p.m. next Thursday:— C. L. Gregory, W. Woodward, J. Rodger, E. J. R. Mitchell, A. A. Dand (captain), J. E. Noronha, H. Owen Hughes, G. E. R. Divett, C. G. Francis, G. P. Lammert and T. J. Price.

The following will represent the Club de Recreio in a hockey match against the K.B.S.F.P.A. to-morrow, at 10.30 a.m., at King's Park:— C. Barros, F. M. Silva, D. C. Alves, H. Pinna, F. G. Barros, F. V. Ribeiro, F. J. Remedios, H. A. Noronha, A. M. Xavier, H. Noronha and A. Eca da Silva.

The following have been selected to represent the K.B.S.F.P.A. in a hockey match versus H.M.S. Serapis to-day at 4.30 p.m. at King's Park:— Moses, Wittchell, Whitley, McNider, Gregory, H. King, Hirst, Gregory, Francis, Pearne and Well.

Match Cancelled

Due to Race Week, the match arranged between Hal-Tack-Base and the Hong Kong Hockey Club "A" team for Tuesday has been cancelled.

The following have been selected to represent the K.B.S.F.P.A. in a hockey match versus H.M.S. Serapis to-day at 4.30 p.m. at King's Park:— Moses, Wittchell, Whitley, McNider, Gregory, H. King, Hirst, W. Gregory, C. Francis, Pearne, Johnson.

VOLUNTEER CRICKET WEEK

The following teams will represent the H.K.V.D.C. on the dates named:— Monday on H.K.C.C. ground against the Combined League:— E. J. R. Mitchell (Captain), H. Owen Hughes, A. Reid, J. E. Richardson, E. C. Fincher, A. C. Beck, F. Baker, F. Zimmerman, W. C. Hung, J. R. Hinton, R. M. Wood.

Tuesday at K.C.C. against K.C.C.:— E. J. R. Mitchell (Captain), H. Owen Hughes, A. Reid, J. E. Richardson, K. H. Batger, A. C. Beck, F. Baker, F. Zimmerman, S. V. Gittins, J. R. Hinton, G. E. R. Divett.

Wednesday on H.K.C.C. ground against the United Services:— E. J. R. Mitchell (Captain), H. Owen Hughes, A. Reid, J. E. Richardson, E. C. Fincher, A. C. Beck, F. Baker, F. Zimmerman, S. V. Gittins, W. C. Hung, G. E. R. Divett.

Tiffs will be served at 12.15 p.m. each day and play will commence at 1 p.m., stumps being drawn at 6.15 p.m.

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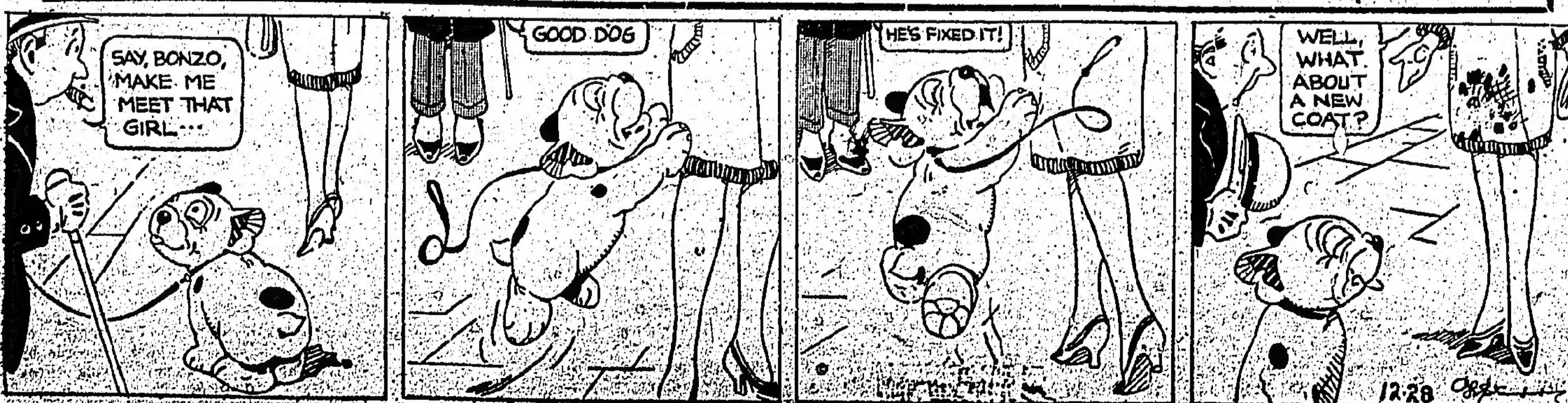
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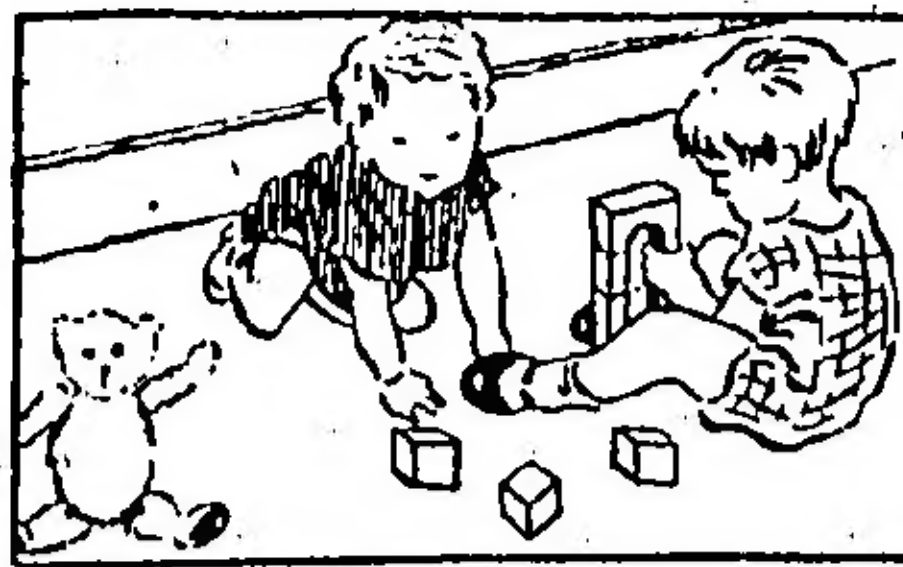
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CHILDREN'S CORNER

POCKET-MONEY

[Bya Harley Street Woman Doctor]

To a parent, the child's money allowance becomes a perplexing problem.

Some children are given pennies galore as they ask for them; other children have none. This is an unfortunate state of affairs in both cases.

Children who spend their money without any responsibility appear great in the eyes of the child who has none, and they will probably become spendthrifts in later years. The moneyless child is made to feel awkward and shy; his helplessness increases his feeling of inferiority, and he is apt to draw into his shell.

So Much a Week

Every child should be given a specified sum of money per week, even if that means only a penny, and be advised to save half and spend the remainder. Many parents do not believe that children understand money.

The money sense of a child was brought home to me recently when a tiny boy in the street asked me to give him a penny for two half-pennies. On my inquiring the reason of his request he said, "I might lose one of my half-pennies!"

Every child should be told that if he spends his allowance on one day or at one time there is no more forthcoming till his next weekly pay day. If he is anxious to purchase something, he must save up for it. A spendthrift child can be checked by giving him no allowance, but by making him "do things" and paying him for them.

Mother as Banker

Recently it was suggested that every time a job was done a slip of paper was handed to the child. This meant that a halfpenny was due for work. In due course there were several slips of paper. Either parent cashed one or more of these when needed.

By counting the slips the capital was reckoned. Under such conditions a child shows great inclination to do jobs.

ABOUT COCOA

We drink our cocoa regularly, and enjoy it, but though we know it comes from a plant that grows in hot countries we may not know just how it grows and the form in which it is gathered ready for the manufacturer.

Cocoa is really the seed of the cocoa or cocoa tree. The fruit is very much the shape of a cucumber, and is about 7 in. or 8 in. long. It is yellow in colour, and ripens to red when the sun catches it. It grows close to the trunk of the tree.

When gathered, the fruit is left for several days in heaps to ferment. Then the thick, warty rind is opened, and the very numerous almond-like seeds, or beans, which lie like eggs in a nest, are removed and dried. It is from them that the cocoa we drink is made. Each bean is covered with a thin brown skin, which is taken away, and after the beans have been dried and broken up they are called cocoa nibs.

The cocoa tree gives two crops of fruit every year.

"TABBY'S" NAME

Do you know why pussy is sometimes called a "tabby?"

A very long time ago merchants came from the East bringing lovely cottons and silks. Some of them came from Mosul and brought muslin. From Damascus they brought damask, and so on.

In the East was a district called Attabeh. You have probably read stories about the clever Caliphs of Bagdad. Attabeh was part of Bagdad.

The people of Attabeh had learned to make very wonderful black and white silk. It had a beautiful watermark. When this silk arrived in Britain they called it Tabbi silk.

Queen Elizabeth used to wear a "Tabbi" dress. Later, fine ladies used this silk for making their best dresses.

Then someone thought how much like Tabbi silk the common pussy's glossy fur was. The name "stuck," and to-day we still call black-marked pussy-cats tabbies.

IS THIS YOUR NAME?

Did you know that every Christian name has a special meaning? Long ago, people thought that boys and girls grew up under the influence of their names, so it was considered very important to choose one with a splendid meaning.

If yours is JOAN, you have a beautiful one, since it comes from an old Hebrew word "Channah," "The Grace of the Lord." Its full spelling is "Johanna" and "Joanna," but Joan is more often used nowadays.

In Spain it is written Juanita, in Italy, Giovanna, and in France, Jeanne or Jeannette.

It has been used in nearly every country in Europe at one time or another, but we, perhaps, remember one special bearer of it best—"Joan of Arc," the Maid of Orleans, who led the French troops to victory in the fifteenth century.

"Mind Yer Grammar"

A small boy simply hated the idea of going to school, but at length parental discipline prevailed and he was packed off complete with satchel on the opening day.

He returned at mid-day and immediately on entering the kitchen, where his father sat, he burst into a flood of tears and kept repeating "I wish I hadnae goed. I wish I hadnae goed."

"Will ye never mind yer grammar" said his father. "Ye mean ye wish tae Goad ye hadnae went."

IDENTIFIED

Aunt Mary (examining school photograph proudly displayed by Joan): "And where are you, dear?"

Joan (eagerly): "Well, aunty, do you see that fat girl right in front?"

Aunt Mary: "Yes, dear."

Joan: "And can you see the tall girl just behind her?"

Aunt Mary: "Yes, dear."

Joan: "And can you see that pair of boots beside her?"

Aunt Mary: "Yes, dear."

Joan (triumphantly): "Well, that's me!"

HOLD YOUR HAND OUT!

Schoolmaster: "Jones, correct the following sentence—'Before any damage could be done, the fire was put out by the village fire brigade.'" Jones (forgetting master is village fire chief): "The fire was put out before any damage could be done by the village fire brigade."

Conscience

"But, Bobbie," said his teacher, "didn't your conscience tell you that you were doing wrong?" "Yes, miss," Bobbie replied, "but you always said I mustn't believe everything I hear."

Teacher Dead!

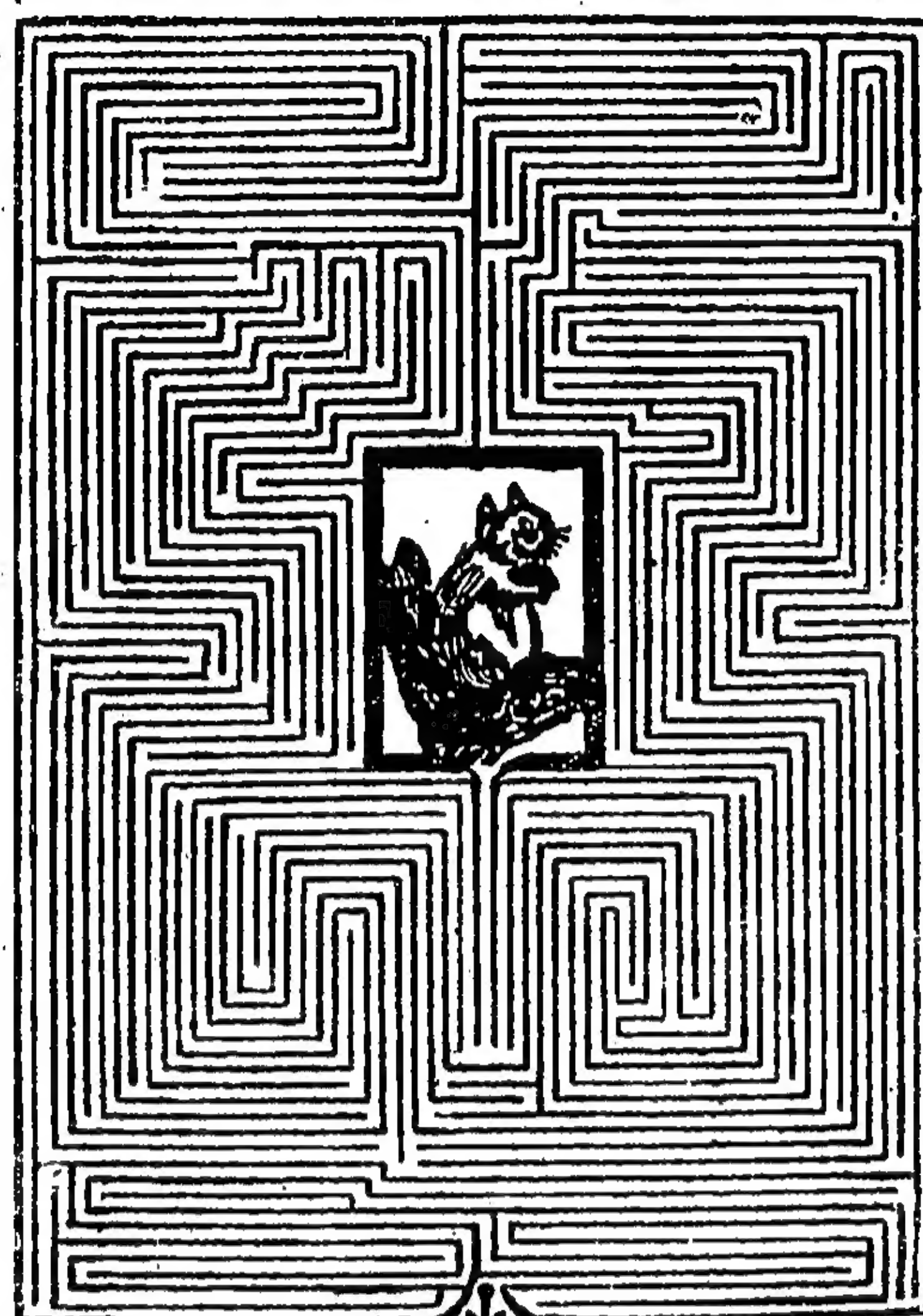
The teacher was trying to boost the sale of photographs of the class, and she said that the children would look at the photos some day and say, "There's Harry, he is a chemist, and there's Peggy, she's a dressmaker."

Then a small voice from the class said, "There's teacher, she is dead."

Not Her Business

"Willie," said his mother, "I wish you would run across the street and see how old Mrs. Brown is this morning!" "Yes'm," replied Willie, and a few minutes later he reported: "Mrs. Brown says it's none of your business how old she is."

THE LOST SQUIRREL



OUT HERE.

The squirrel who seems to be so successfully caged really has a way out of his prison, if he could find it. Perhaps you can find the path for him! The blind alleys are scarce in this maze, so that their accustomed help will be largely lacking. But there are several good-sized islands—if you can find them. The discovery of an island in a maze is a great help to its solution.

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TIENTSIN CHINESE TROOPS' TRIP

CHINESE NEW YEAR HIKE

Peking, Feb. 4. Leaving Tientsin early on the morning of the Lunar New Year's Day after a warm send-off by the Tientsin district Kuomintang, a party of six Chinese boy scouts arrived here at six o'clock Monday afternoon, covering the entire distance of about ninety miles on foot in five days. Members of the party are: Hu Ting-chiu, Jen Chih-yuan, Chang Chih-soo, Liu Chen-wu, Liu Tan-fu and Chang Po-chun.

Shelter Denied Them

The hike, according to the spokesman of the group this morning, was organized for the purpose of demonstrating to the public that so far as the Boy Scout movement in Tientsin was concerned, the Lunar New Year was no longer in existence. "We deliberately chose to start on the morning of the day, when many Chinese stayed at home to celebrate New Year," he said. "Secondly we wanted to gain some insight into Chinese village life, and I must say that despite some unpleasant experiences when we were denied shelter for the night on the New Year's evening, on the whole, the great majority of villagers received us with great hospitality."

A Warm Welcome

Immediately after their arrival, the scouts called at the headquarters of the Hopen provincial Kuomintang, where they were accorded a rousing reception. To-day they were guests of honour at a tiffin jointly tendered by the provincial and Peking district party headquarters in the Chungshan Park. A two-day sight-seeing programme has been arranged for the visitors, who are expected to return to the city by train on Thursday. The visitors are accompanied by all the Chinese scouts of the district, and will be met by the Hopen provincial Kuomintang at the station.

SHANGHAI SCOUTS' PROBLEMS

HANDICRAFT EXHIBITION AND JAMBOREE

There are two rather important questions facing Scout troops of Shanghai at present, one is, what to do in the nature of a display for the Jamboree, and the other, what to make for the Handicraft Exhibition. The Jamboree will be held on Easter Monday and the competition will be exactly similar to that adopted for the last Jamboree, i.e. each troop will put up a twenty minute display according to its own ideas. Much originality is looked for as there will naturally be more interest shown in displays showing something new, rather than those which are based on the old familiar form of Scout display. The Handicraft exhibition to be held on the same day will represent work done by the Scouts during the year. There is such a large range of handicrafts for Scouts to choose from that there should not be much difficulty attached to deciding what to do for this competition.

DANISH SCOUTS

Honour Founder at 20th Anniversary

Copenhagen.—The twentieth anniversary of the Danish Boy Scout movement was celebrated here recently when a delegation of Scouts presented a picture of the first Danish Scout troop, to Dr. Oscar Hansen, one of the founders and first chairman of the Danish Scouts.

The following day the Scouts paid homage to their headmaster, Hartwig Moller, who was first secretary of the movement and has ever since been a member of the board. With the permission of the Ministry of Education, a marble slab was placed on the wall of the school, bearing the inscription: "In this school the headmaster, Hartwig Moller, November 1866."

BOY SCOUTS OF SIAM HONOURED

"GOLDEN ARROW" FROM THE "CHIEF"

A PERMANENT MEMENTO

Lieut-General Lord Baden-Powell of Gilwell, Chief Scout of the World, has forwarded a Golden Arrow to the Boy Scout Association of Siam as a souvenir of our having sent a representative contingent to participate in the World Jamboree August last.

This Golden Arrow is now kept for exhibition at the Teachers' Club.

The Golden Arrows were issued to all the representative contingents on the last day of the Jamboree after the Chief had buried the hatchet of hostility, saying: "Here is the hatchet of war, of enmity, of bad feeling, which I now bury in Arrows."

In sending the Golden Arrow to the Boy Scouts Association of Siam, Lord Baden-Powell wrote: "I hope that the Golden Arrow may be a permanent memento for your Headquarters of the participation in the Jamboree of your representative contingent; and that its underlying message of Peace and Brotherhood may be spread far and wide among your scouts."

"THE SILVER WOLF"

The "Old Scout" has received a copy of the December issue of the "Silver Wolf," the official organ of the local Scouts and Girl Guides Associations. The Editor and his staff are to be congratulated on the excellent production, which is full of chatty and interesting articles for both Scouts and Guides.

formed the first Scout troop in Denmark and thereby introduced Scout sport and 'camp life' in the boyhood and youth of Danish boys. The Danish Scout Corps on the twentieth anniversary of the day, placed this tablet on the wall of Old Holsten Gymnasium in honour of and in gratitude to Hartwig Moller.

16th H.K. SCOUTS

To Honour Their President

The "Old Scout" has received an invitation from the 16th Hong Kong Scouts to be present to-morrow at their Club Room at Caine Road at 4.15 p.m. on the occasion of a presentation of a "Thanks Badge" to Rev. Father Parisotti, O.E.E. who is the President of the Group.



There is an old story of a little Chinese boy, Kwang Hung by name, who wanted very much to learn from books so that he might become a great man in the Kingdom. But all day long he had to work for the magistrate because his family was very poor and needed the little he could earn. One day an officer gave him some books. He couldn't make much use of them, however, because he had no money to buy oil to put into his lamp. And he had no time to study by day.

Kwang Hung thought he worked all day long for the great magistrate. He couldn't see how it was going to be done but he determined just the same to become a great scholar. And, because he would not give up, one day an idea came to him. His next door neighbour had more money and could buy oil. If he should make a hole through the dividing wall, some of his neighbour's light would shine through. The neighbour would be none the poorer and he would be ever so much richer because of the chance to study.

That very evening he tried his idea and it worked. By the little stream of light which came into his room, he could see the characters in his books, although he had to move his book about a good deal so that the light would fall on the part he wanted to study. But so eager was he to get an education that he scarcely noticed the inconvenience. And so night after night, for a long, long time Kwang Hung studied his books by the light which shone through the hole in the wall. By and by the story goes on to say, when examinations were held, he did so well that people who did not know how hard he studied marveled. Finally the story of his outstanding scholarship gained under such great difficulties reached the ears of the Emperor himself, who gave him a high appointment.

The Chinese story books tell us of another lad who was Education too poor to buy oil but who had a high determination to become a great scholar. This lad noticed that white reflects light, so on nights when the moon was shining he sat out in the cold and held his book so that the light from the snow would fall on its pages as he studied. After the snows had melted he collected great numbers of glow-worms and studied at night by the light which they gave.

These stories from the Chinese olden tales may or may not be entirely true. We do know, however, that they are true in spirit and that many, many Chinese lads have made great sacrifices and have studied under great difficulties in order to gain an education which would elevate them in the Kingdom.

Speaking about education I am reminded of Earl Beauchamp's minded of Earl Beauchamp, the Chancellor of the University of London. Recently he exhorted the members of the Bedford College for Women to use the education given to them, not only for the purpose of earning money but in order to extend the principles for which their education stood. "Education should not be a cloistered virtue," said Earl Beauchamp, "those who acquire learning should not allow their talents to be buried in the ground, they should use them for the benefit of others. They must spread the knowledge they have secured throughout the country for the betterment of the nation and the individual."

The sphere of women's influence is of influence ever growing importance," said Earl Beauchamp, "and among local and individual public service of a worth-while character is the work of non-statutory bodies such as the Boy Scouts and Girl Guides which are bound to exert a growing influence on national as well as local character."

"Is not this point well worthy of discussion?" asked Earl Beauchamp, "whether it is not true that the humbler the position, the more intimate the result of voluntary public service."

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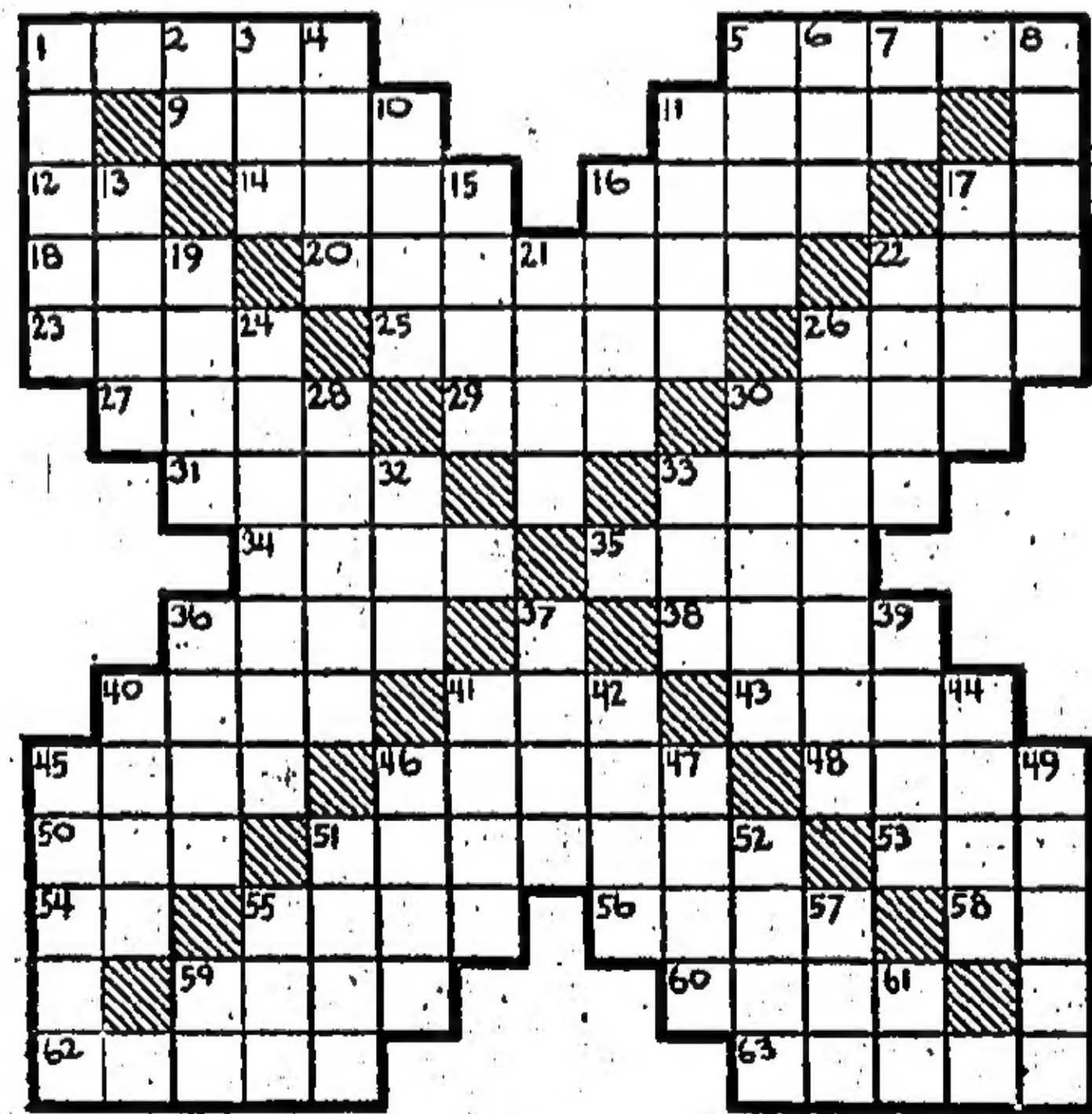
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DAILY CROSS-WORD PUZZLE.

(This cross-word puzzle has been made by an expert but our readers are warned to look out for occasional phonetic spellings, such as harbor, plow, and altho.)



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| HORIZONTAL | HORIZONTAL (Cont.) | VERTICAL (Cont.) |
| 1-Marine growth | 40-One of the | 19-Period of time |
| 2-Storms | 41-Cyclades | 21-Abide |
| 3-Street wanderer | 42-Proprietor | 22-Inscribe |
| 4-Conceal | 43-Roman number | 23-Capital of Kenya |
| 5-A continent (abbr.) | 44-Charm | 24-British E. Africa |
| 6-A high card (pl.) | 45-Golf mound | 25-Pennants |
| 7-Combining form, Air | 46-Gloria (abbr.) | 26-Part of tree (pl.) |
| 8-Accomplish | 47-Pare | 27-City in C. Vermont |
| 9-Endeavor | 48-Drench | 28-Part of foot |
| 10-Everlasting | 49-Profile, Two | 29-Tank |
| 11-Rug | 50-Infinite | 30-Fruit |
| 12-Perceived | 51-Wharf | 31-Sacred language of |
| 13-A metal | 52-European country | 32-India |
| 14-Minders | 53-Loaded | 33-Daily fare |
| 15-River in Louisiana | | 34-The devil (Scott.) |
| 16-G. Pygma | | 35-Convey |
| 17-Draft animal | | 36-Canine |
| 18-Farm building | | 37-Want |
| 19-Turnip | | 38-Maiden |
| 20-Large container for | | 39-Ack |
| liquids | | 40-Stare |
| 21-Measure of area | | 41-Dominion |
| 22-Consumes | | 42-College official |
| 23-Lavish extreme | | 43-Discharge |
| 24-Feudless upon | | 44-Masculine food |
| 25-Relief | | 45-New Zealand parrot |
| 26-Young society girls | | 46-Southern State |
| 27-Moose | | 47-Abbey |
| 28-Ireland (Scott.) | | 48-Abbey |
| 29-Grave | | 49-Maid |

(The solution of the above cross-word puzzle will appear in Monday's issue along with a new cross-word puzzle.)

THE WORLD OF BOOKS.

"MAIL" REVIEWS

Speeches of H.M. the King

["King George V.: In His Own Words"; Ernest Benn, Ltd., 12/6 net.]

During the first three decades of the Twentieth Century it has become more and more fashionable to publish books dealing with the lives of great men, while they are still alive. Usually they are of the reminiscent type, and deal largely in anecdotes. They are pleasant and easy reading, which commends itself to almost every class of reader.

Mr. F. A. MacKenzie has not produced a book of this kind. His task has been to select excerpts from the speeches of His Majesty, King George V., to arrange them, and to provide the slight connecting and explanatory narrative necessary to form the collection into a book.

It is hardly probable that the result will form a volume particularly acceptable to the casual reader. It is to the historian that it will most appeal, and by "historian" we include not only the writers of histories, but also all those who are interested in the study of political history. In these speeches the student will find much of great interest, for often many events are the more easily understandable when one can obtain another angle of vision. And often one does obtain such a different angle from a perusal of these speeches.

There is also another aspect of the book. From it one may get a closer idea of what manner of man His Majesty is. It is not, of course, to be expected that His Majesty should draft and write these whole speeches himself. But after the drafts had been prepared, there is no doubt that the ultimate expression is that which was dictated by His Majesty. And, on perusal of the speeches, one is left in amazement, not only at the grip of detail which is displayed, but also at the intense personal feeling which His Majesty displays.

An interesting book.

—V. V.

Through Asia

["China to Chelsea," by Captain D. McCallum; Ernest Benn, 21/- net.]

This book, which the author calls "A Modern Pilgrimage along Ancient Highways," is a narrative of a remarkable motor car journey undertaken and accomplished in the face of appalling conditions by Captain and Mrs. McCallum and two friends, Messrs. N. G. Lovel and F. Rumsey Williams. The most direct route from North China to Europe is by Siberia, but several things forbade our travellers going that way, and at the last minute they decided on the hotter and wetter route by the countries lying to the South of China. In two Buick cars the party motored from Peking to Tientsin. Then by three different steamers they got to Haiphong, trans-shipping at Shanghai and Hong Kong. From Haiphong they went by the Mandarin Road through Indo-China, Annam and Cambodia to the Siamese border, thence by inundated roads through Siam, after which they seem to have had tropical rains most of the way to Singapore. Ship was taken again at Singapore; for Calcutta this time. India was crossed by the Grand Trunk Road, then through the Baluchistan Desert to the execrable roads of Persia, then through Mesopotamia to find trouble in Syria and terrifying roads, landlides, and gorges in Asia Minor. They entered Europe by Constantinople and from there the rest was comparatively plain sailing or rather motoring.

Owing to last minute change of plans Indo-China, Siam and Malaya had to be negotiated in the hot rainy season: when low-lying parts of the country were under water and bridges frequently washed away. Yet they carried on bravely although delayed, not for days or weeks but for months. The bold voyagers ultimately arrived in Chelsea on May 29, 1928 after having motored over fifteen thousand miles and sailed three thousand in about three hundred and fifty days.

Besides giving an interesting summary of the journey Capt. McCallum has many interesting digressions of topical subjects such as the Boxer Rebellion, present day Peking, the Chinese imbroglio, etc. Very entertaining, too, are his notes on the many different peoples of Indo-China, the Chams, the Moïs, the Khmers, etc., their past glories, wonderful buildings and present eclipse and inertness. Quite a large part of the volume is given to these little-known peoples.

Thirty-six full page photographic illustrations and four maps help to enhance this enthralling and modestly-written book of travel.

We take off our hats to Captain McCallum, Mr. Lovel and Mr. Rumsey Williams; and do so twice to Mrs. McCallum.

THE LOWER DECK

For Everything A Reason!

["Three Rows of Tape: A Social Study of the Lower Deck, 1915-1918." By A. Trystan Edwards. (Heinemann, 6s. net).]

Scores of books about the Navy have been published since the war, most of which make good reading. But this book is in a class by itself. It is the first intimate study of the lower deck, and the first to reveal the modern bluejacket as he really is. For that reason alone it would be welcome. It is made doubly so by the author's masterly analysis of the personality of the naval rating, his duties, his surroundings, and his philosophy.

Mr. Trystan Edwards enlisted in the Navy as an ordinary seaman in 1915, and served for the duration of the war, chiefly in destroyers. For three and a half years he lived on the lower deck. Strange as the atmosphere must have seemed to him, he found it congenial probably because he began his new life in the right spirit. "I remember," he says, "that it was one of the happiest and proudest moments of my life when I donned the baggy trousers, the tight-fitting jumper, and the dark blue collar with its three rows of tape." There is, indeed, no more honourable uniform in the world. The surprising thing is that, until now, the public has been told so little about the men who wear it.

A Searching Test
There could be no higher tribute to these men than the fact that the newcomer, a public school and Varsity man, found them excellent companions, both socially and intellectually. Mr. Edwards appears to share the reviewer's opinion that life on the lower deck of His Majesty's Navy constitutes the most searching test of masculine character. It is a practical illustration of the survival of the fittest in the broadest and highest meaning of the phrase. A man who has passed this test can hold his own in any circumstances.

The long service bluejacket is a natural gentleman, disciplined, self-controlled, imperturbable, resourceful, to the strong. The whole Navy resembles a well-ordered democracy, the members of which, rank by rank and rating by rating, work together for the common good.

Fraternity
In the hour of battle one and all share the same dangers. "The men of the fleet see the Admiral's flag floating in the breeze, and they know that he and they are comrades. Complete liberty and equality there can never be among men. The ideal of fraternity is by far the most practical—and it finds nowhere a greater measure of fulfilment than in the humane company of those who serve under the White Ensign."

The merit of Mr. Edwards's book is that it depicts the lower deck as seen from within by one who was gifted with powers of observation, a critical but sympathetic eye, and a talent for expressing his views in scholarly prose. In these pages one learns, in full but never tedious detail, the routine which governs the bluejacket's day, from the moment when, in obedience to the time-honoured ritual—"Heave o' jash up and stow, come along my hearties, throw a line, rice and shins"—he turns out of his hammock in the chill dawn.

To the landlubber many of the customs and methods of the Navy may seem trivial, if not futile. But for everything that is done in the Navy there is a reason, and usually a sound reason. Investigating some apparently arbitrary and foolish regulation, you will presently discover that it was framed with the object of ensuring the welfare and safety either of the individual or of the ship's company as a whole. Tradition, no doubt, plays a large part in many of the Navy's customs, but they are not mere "old wives' tales."

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ABOUT PALESTINE

A Volume of Happy Reminiscences

["Above and Beyond Palestine," by C. E. Hughes; Ernest Benn, Ltd., 10/6 net.]

A well written book, with a notable absence of technical details often found in similar works, dealing with highly specialised branches of the Services during the war. The reader is not allowed to become bored with heavy explanations but is carried, (one might say) gaily on, through a very descriptive series of anecdotes, full of pleasant and happy reminiscences.

The author has a pleasing knack, when relating incidents, of hiding the sordid side of the war and sticking to the original idea of the book, which has as its object, the bringing to light of the little known body of pioneers, the East India and Egypt Scaplane Squadron. Like the branch of the "Services" they were attached to, they were a "Silent Service!" To the man-in-the-street, the title of the E.I. & E.S.S. conveys very little and still less when the sphere of operations were so far away from the major struggle.

One only requires intelligently to follow the incidents so ably described in this book, with the aid of maps at the end, to understand the significance and importance of the work carried through by them. The "side-show" idea is soon displaced, and one can have nothing but praise and appreciation for their splendid work. The author has shown in this book that he was no mean observer and has made full use of his powers (both of observation and descriptive writing.) The clear and facile manner in which Mr. Hughes describes the many places of interest visited makes the reader feel that he is actually walking through the places with the author.

On the whole this is a very interesting, descriptive and well written book. Pleasant and light, it is well worth reading.

the service," and in this case the greater very definitely includes the less.

Take, for instance, what is sometimes described as the Navy's "fetish" for cleanliness. The continual deck-sweeping, scrubbing, polishing, and painting, which impresses the civilian visitor, is based on the soundest of hygienic principles. Where many hundreds of men are cooped up together in a confined space it is essential that their quarters, their domestic gear, their clothes, and their persons be kept scrupulously clean. The men themselves, appreciating this, are the first to protest against any attempted breach of what have been sometimes described as "spit and polish" rules.

A Broadside Mess
Mr. Edwards introduces us to the intimate life of a broadside mess, a place without privacy, "a noisy place, in which a large family of men partake of the fullness of social communion. . . . In a variety of ships and on over a thousand occasions I have sat at table and have followed the cross-currents of banter and merriment passing from mess to mess, nor have I tired of the lively and vigorous personalities thrown together in this intimate association. For here are Britons, in some respects much more highly disciplined than their civilian brothers, yet in other respects relieved from social restraint, which causes shyness, self-consciousness, and similar unattractive characteristics. This atmosphere, far removed from that of the drawing room, is highly civilised, nevertheless."

In such surroundings a man must needs be companionable, fraternal, and unselfish if he is to find existence endurable. It is typical of the bluejacket's broadmindedness that he never uses the word "bad mannered." If a messmate lapses from the lower deck standard of behaviour he is charitably adjudged to be "ignorant." Upon chronic offenders, if such there be, the lower deck practises its incisive and mordant criticism, but even then a kindly feeling inspires the rebuke, which is always "pointed," if sometimes oblique and allusive.

Bluejackets have decided views on every question of the day, and Mr. Edwards interprets them for us. His chapters on "Rank and Manners," "Naval Esthetics," "Domestic Reactions," and "Religion on the Lower Deck" are so replete with quotable sentences as to be an almost irresistible temptation to the reviewer. He has written a book which may be said, without hyperbole, to reveal the soul of the Navy as that great service is exemplified by the men who constitute the bulk of its personnel.

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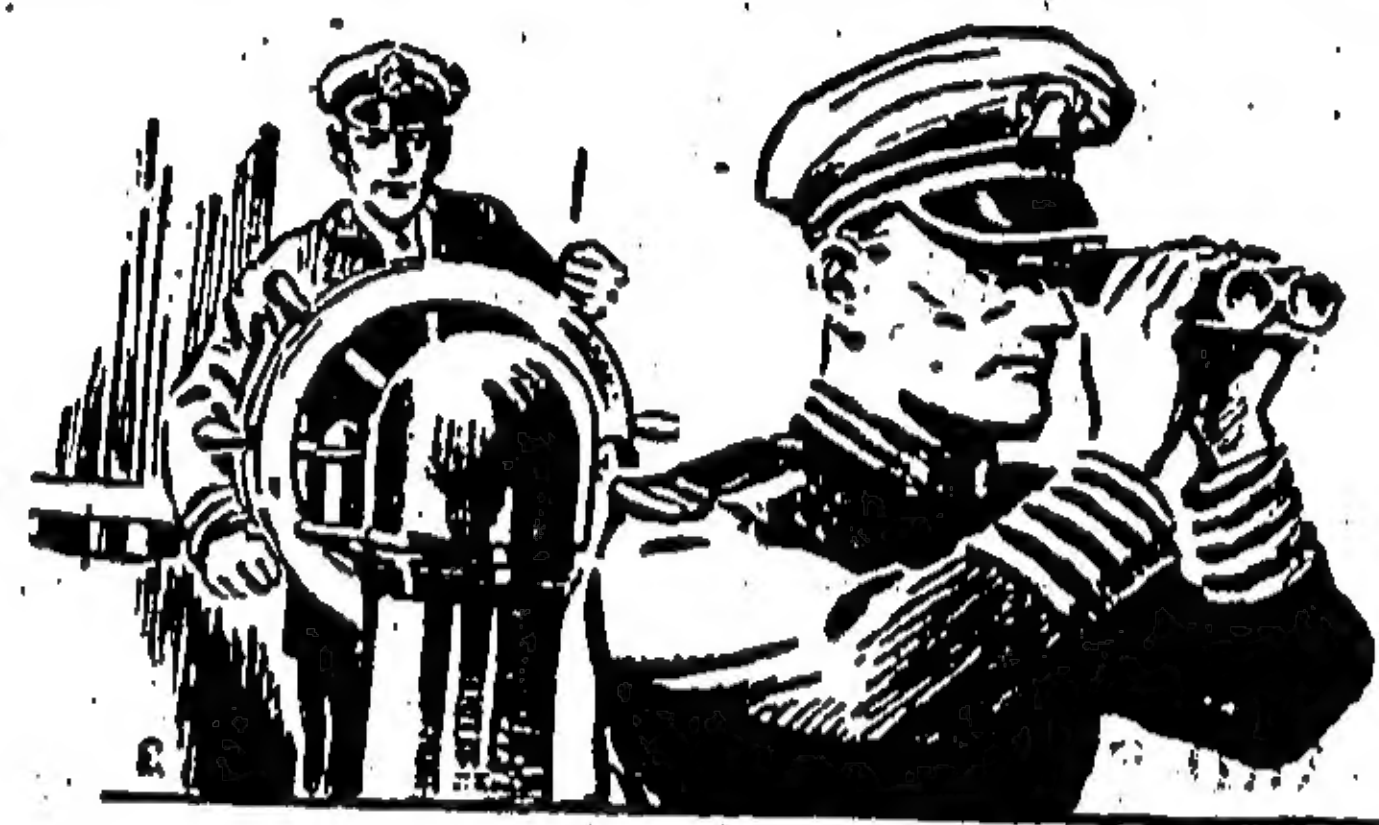
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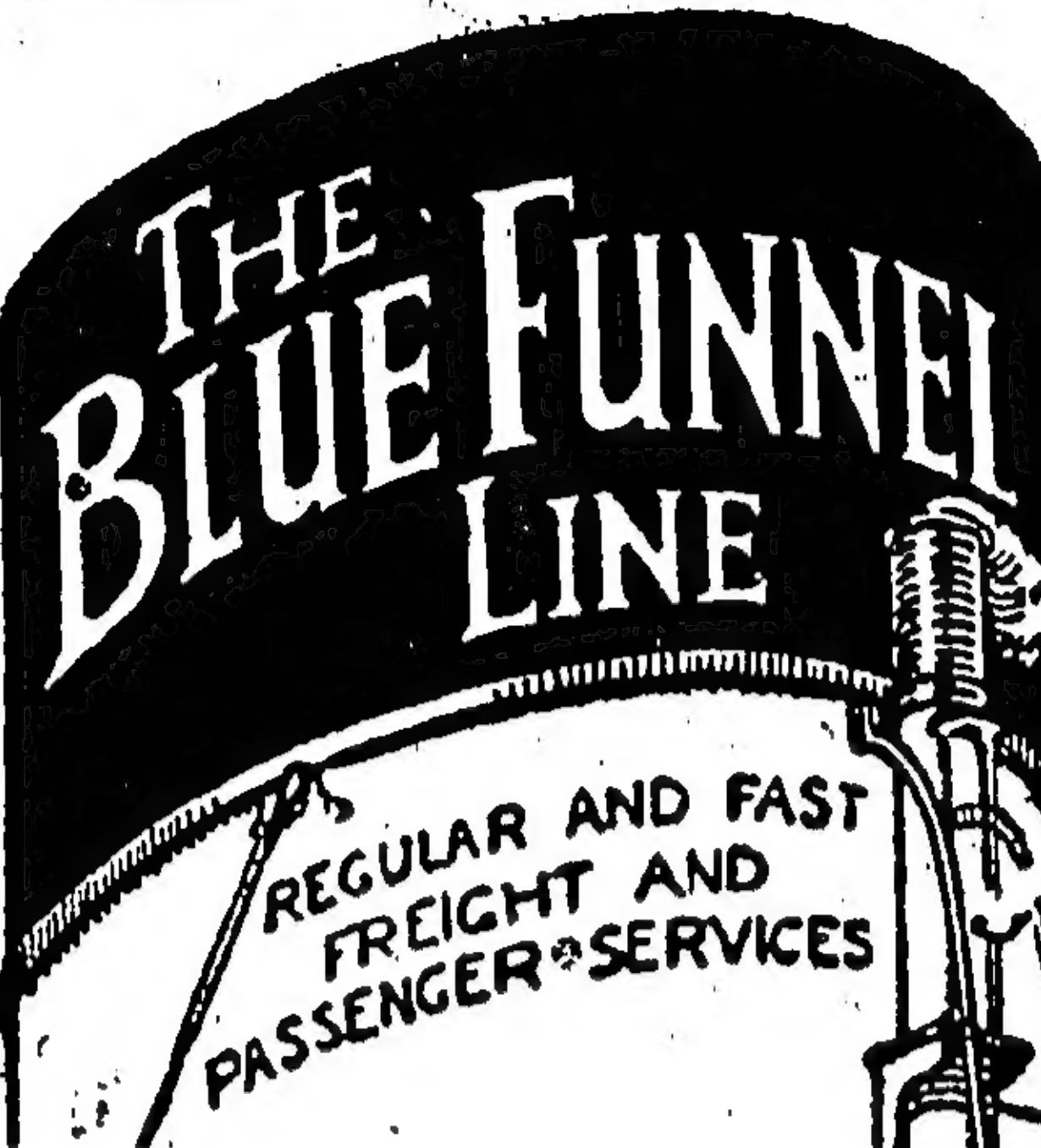
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SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 23.	
Saigon	Kanchow 8.30 a.m.
Manila	Agra 9 a.m.
Holhow and Bangkok	Klungchow 9 a.m.
Swatow, Amoy and Formosa	Hozan Maru 9 a.m.
MONDAY, FEBRUARY 24.	
Straits and Calcutta	Parcels Feb. 24, Noon.
	Letters 1 p.m.
Bandakan	Mausang 1.30 p.m.
Swatow	Hydrangea 2.30 p.m.
Swatow	Anking 3.30 p.m.
Shanghai and *Europe via Siberia	President Cleveland
	Registration Feb. 24, 5 p.m.
	Letters 6 p.m.

*Superficial correspondence only.

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LANCASHIRE COTTON

Organised Move for Economics

London, Yesterday.
A new move to increase Lancashire's cotton trade in bulk standard lines is foreshadowed by the announcement of the impending formation of a British Cotton Textile Association supported by all sections of the trade, including the operatives.

The aim is to secure economies incidental to mass production, and regular demand.—Reuter.

NO BILL OF HEALTH

Australia's Shipping Decision

Geneva, Yesterday.
The Australian Government has informed the League of Nations Far Eastern Health Bureau that a bill of health will from now on not be required of ships entering Australian ports, owing to the epidemiological information now available.—Reuter.

STEAMERS COLLIDE

Ship Beached in Suez Roads

Port Said, Yesterday.
The German steamer Halle, from Hamburg to Macassar, and the Dutch steamer Sembilan from New York to Batavia to-day came into collision. Both were damaged, and the latter was beached in the Suez roads.—Reuter.

SHIP AGROUND

S.O.S. from Alabama Maru

At 2.05 this morning the Water Police received a message from N.Y.K. S.S. Tango Maru, bound from Hong Kong to Australia, reporting that she had "heard" an S.O.S. from another ship whose call was "JNFD," seemingly the S.S. Alabama Maru.

The message picked up by the Tango Maru was to the effect that the other ship was aground in latitude 35.4, north, and longitude 140.52, east, which is in the vicinity of Japan, near Tokyo.

The Alabama Maru is owned by the Osaka Shosen Kaisha, and was on her way from Vancouver to Japan at the time she went aground.

She is a vessel of 6,016 net tonnage built in 1920 by the Mitsubishi Zosen Kaisha, Nagasaki, and her port of registry is Osaka.

QUEEN AND MOTHER

Solicitude for the Prince

London, Yesterday.
The Queen to-day saw at the Stoll Cinema in London, Mr. Cherry Kearn's film "Tembi," depicting wild life in the African jungle, where The Prince of Wales is now hunting. She afterwards took tea with Sir Oswald and Lady Stoll, to whom she remarked, "It is a pity I cannot come oftener. I am very nervous at the thought of the Prince of Wales being near so many dangerous beasts."—Reuter.

Two samples of Nottingham machine-made lace are to be forwarded to the Queen for her Majesty's inspection.



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DIALOGUE



THE BELLAMY TRIAL

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KING and QUEEN of ITALY visit Pope PIUS.
Wreck of S.S. Molesey off South Wales
Behind the scenes with metronome at Rehearsal of "STRIKE UP THE BAND."

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